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# Thatcher says massacre brings shame on West

**■ Margaret Thatcher reopened fire on the government, saying that the slaughter of the innocent demanded that the West should now arm the Bosnian Muslims**

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND ROBERT MORGAN

BARONESS Thatcher last night savagely attacked British and international policy towards the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina, accusing Western leaders of being accomplices to the massacre of thousands of innocent people.

She called for the West to arm the Bosnian Muslims if the Serbs did not accept the Owen-Vance peace plan, and said the West should offer the Muslims full air cover. She denounced as "disgraceful" Douglas Hurd's remarks that arming the Muslims would create a "level killing field", and said she was ashamed of the European Community for its failure to act.

Lady Thatcher's most outspoken criticism of John Major's government came in a BBC television interview after Britain had again rejected a combat role for UN troops in Bosnia. Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, said the idea of UN intervention was unwise and foolish, and Mr Hurd said that the international community could not stop the horrors in the former Yugoslavia without the kind of military expedition that no country was willing to make.




The restatement of the firm government line on the day after 56 people were killed by Serb shelling of Srebrenica was clearly too much for the former prime minister. She is understood to have offered herself for interview to put across her views.

Apparently bristling with fury, she said that the persistent slaughter of town after town had to be stopped. "We cannot go on with this policy — namely feeding people but leaving them to be massacred, and leaving the innocent to be massacred."

Reminded that Mr Hurd had said that arming the Bosnians would be providing both sides with a level killing field, Lady Thatcher retorted that it was a "terrible and disgraceful" phrase. "There are killing fields now where the innocent have not the level of arms properly to defend themselves. But they are doing as much as they can with their bravery and the few rifles and the few small arms they handed round between them."

She then revealed her contempt for the stance taken by the government and prime minister. She said that during the Battle of Britain the country had had insufficent equipment, but it had a "prime minister with a lion heart" to get it through. "Arming the Bosnian Muslims would help and give them heart too."

An aggressor dictator was getting away with everything. The will of the UN was being flouted and UN commanders were being humilated. "General Morillon gave us a spark of hope and some leadership. What you have now is the old world order and it will not do." It was confirmed yesterday that General Morillon, commander of the UN forces in Bosnia, is to be replaced by another French officer, his individual style and outspoken leadership apparently unacceptable to his military superiors.

Accusing the West of standing idly by, Lady Thatcher urged it to go and defend the innocent. "I am ashamed of the European Community," she said. "This is happening in the heart of Europe and we have not done any more to stop it. It is in Europe's sphere of influence. It should be in Europe's sphere of conscience. There is no conscience. We are little more than an accomplice to massacre. We cannot carry on like that. Just imagine if our families were there; 17 children were killed yesterday."

Asked whether she was saying that here successor was an accomplice to massacre she replied: "I am saying that the West, by not doing more has been a little like an accomplice to massacre. I said that last August when the whole thing first came up. Everyone has a right to self-defence. Bosnia has a right to self-defence and we must see that it is upheld."

Lady Thatcher's remarks were immediately denounced by Mr Rifkind as emotional nonsense. Arming the Muslims would not end the killing, but was likely to prolong it, he said. There were 2,500 British troops in Bosnia, food help was being provided for the refugees and American pilots

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PATTEN HAILS VICTORY FOR COMMON SENSE

MICHAEL POWELL



Table talk: Chris Patten leaves Downing Street after a lunchtime meeting with the prime minister yesterday

## Truce called on Hong Kong talks

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN and China yesterday called a truce after six months of bitterness and agreed to talks on the future of Hong Kong. In a deal hailed by Chris Patten, the colony's governor, as "a victory for common sense", the two governments will resume discussions next week on plans to hand Hong Kong over to to Chinese rule in 1997. The announcement, made simultaneously in London and Peking, resulted from "a willingness on both sides to discuss the issues without preconditions", Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said last night.

Diplomats in London, Hong Kong and China, however, predicted tough talking when Sir Robin McLaren, the British ambassador to China, and Jiang Enzhu, China's deputy minister of foreign affairs, sit down togther in Peking on April 22. Both sides were denying any climbdown strenuously last night, but each appeared to have shifted ground slightly in an attempt to break the diplomatic impasse.

Peking dropped its insistence that Mr Patten should withdraw his whole democratic reform package, which would allow Hong Kong's residents to elect a majority of their legislature for the first time in 1995, before talks got under way. But the governor will delay putting his proposals to the colony's Legislative Council.

There has also been movement over the issue of Hong Kong representation at the talks. China has dropped its refusal to allow any Hong Kong representatives to attend. Three will attend the talks "in support" of Sir Robin McLaren, but not as full partners as Britain had wanted. British officials denied any significant change in these arrangements.

Mr Patten, who discussed his plans with the prime minister over lunch yesterday and will stay in London for talks with Mr Hurd later in the week, said: "We will be constructive and imaginative ... I very much hope that we can come off with an agreement acceptable to the people of Hong Kong."

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## Blizzards hamper hunt for adventure Britons

BY BILL FROST

LOW cloud and blizzards were yesterday hampering a search by Russian helicopters and mountaineers for a party of Britons missing on an adventure holiday in the Caucasus.

The four climbers and their experienced guide were last seen on Friday as they set out from their base camp at Terskol for the 18,200-ft Mount Elbrus in southern Russia. The area, close to the Georgian border, was described as "fairly wild" even for the most experienced mountaineer.

The missing men were named as John Milledge, 28, a Sheffield doctor; Kenneth White, 42, a civil servant from Dumbarton; Myles Plant, 42, of Lincoln; and Thomas Keely, 27, a computer engineer from Manchester.

They were part of a 15-strong group on a holiday organised by High Adventure, a travel firm based in Nuneaton, Warwickshire. David Hamilton, the company's director, was last night in Russia, with the rescue teams.

Dr Milledge's father, Jim Milledge, 62, who was a member of the adventure holiday group, told how weather conditions had worsened during the attempt on Mount Elbrus. The party had split into three teams. One abandoned the ascent amid a blizzard, the second returned having reached the summit, but the third failed to come back. The weather prevented a search until Monday.

A High Adventure spokeswoman said: "Russian authorities and very experienced mountaineers from High Adventure are mounting rescue attempts but are being severely hampered by bad weather. Helicopters are being used but it is difficult for them to fly in snow."

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## More firms plan to hire than fire

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

MORE companies plan to hire staff in the next few months than intend to dismiss workers. It is the first time the balance has tipped into positive territory for three and a half years.

This glimmer of hope for Britain's unemployed was contained in a nationwide survey of 2,000 managing directors published today by Dun & Bradstreet, the business information group. The news was released on the day that stock markets rose around the world, spurred by an 800-point rise in Tokyo after the Japanese government announced that it was injecting more than yen 13 trillion (£75 billion) into its economy.

London shares made healthy gains, leaving the FTSE 100 index up by 25 points at 2846.8. The pound gained more than three cents against the dollar to close at $1.56 and more than one pfennig against the German mark to close above DM2.46.

The Dun & Bradstreet survey is the first suggestion that the blood-letting in the labour market is close to an end. Service companies appear to be likely to bounce back from recession most quickly. About 35 per cent of those questioned said they would increase staffing levels, while 19 per cent envisaged more cuts.

The survey adds to growing evidence, including reports of a good Easter for estate agents, suggesting that economic recovery is under way. The latest production and import figures, released yesterday, showed that inflationary pressures are not getting out of hand and sterling continues to be buoyant on the foreign exchanges.

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## NUT votes for pay strike

BY JOHN O'LEARY AND BEN PRESTON

BRITAIN's biggest teaching union headed for a second damaging dispute with the government yesterday, as delegates to its annual conference voted for strikes over pay and a ballot on a boycott of appraisal in schools.

The National Union of Teachers' leaders urged conference delegates to concentrate on their proposed boycott of national curriculum tests. They fear that a second dispute will provide further ammunition for ministers to portray their action as politically motivated.

The union's executive will try to contain the damage by holding a ballot of members before deciding whether to implement the conference decision. The moderate leadership does not believe that teachers will support a boycott of appraisal schemes, which are already operating successfully throughout England and Wales.

The union's leaders suffered two serious defeats by militants in a matter of hours. In a private session yesterday morning, delegates voted against executive advice to extend the aims and objects of the union beyond educational issues.

The union's rare show of unity appeared to have survived the weekend as delegates gave a standing ovation to Doug McAvoy, the general secretary, after his close of conference speech.

Seconds later, however, the executive's moderate line was in tatters as a narrow majority for action was announced.

John Patten, the education secretary, described the vote as "very depressing". He added: "Strikes, boycotts and disruption of all kinds are not whatparents want to hear from professionals and can only damage children's education.

Supporters of the union's new tough line argued that only a boycott would prevent school governors using appraisal to implement performance-related pay. Richard Rieser, a leading leftwinger from Hackney, east London, said: "We have a duty to our

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## Chancellor defends European bank chief

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

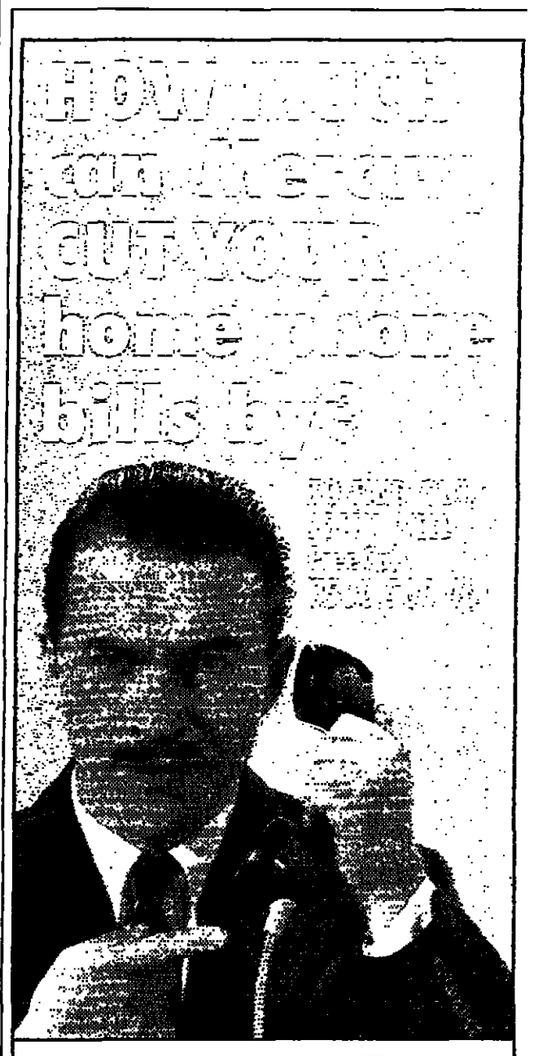
NORMAN Lamont, the Chancellor, last night defended the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and Jacques Attali, its flamboyant president and founder, over his alleged lavish spending and management style.

The bank is at the centre of a controversy over the estimated £200 million it has spent on setting up and running its headquarters in London. Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, tabled several Commons questions asking if the £40 million given by Britain to the bank had been well spent. A Treasury spokesman said last night that the money had been a one-off payment to help attract the bank, an important international financial institution, to London.

Mr Lamont is expected to reaffirm his support for the bank at the weekend when he addresses the bank's second annual meeting.

The bank has been criticised for overspending, including £600,000 on private aircraft for Mr Attali, £750,000 to change the marble in the main lobby and £52,000 on a staff Christmas party. The bank replied it was proud of its record in Eastern Europe.

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## European Bank denies high start-up costs are exceptional

# Lamont to play down charges of extravagance

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

NORMAN Lamont, the Chancellor, is expected to play down accusations of excessive spending by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and confirm Britain's support for the bank in a speech at its annual general meeting this weekend in London.

In Tokyo for a Group of Seven meeting, the Chancellor said yesterday the EBRD was a young bank with a difficult job and he generally supported its progess since it was established two years ago to provide final assistance to the fledgeling economies of central and eastern Europe.

This week the EBRD has been criticised for apparent lavishness and extravagance, accusations that have been circulating since it was created.

Like many international financial institutions, the London-based EBRD has spent considerable sums on its operations, including items such as walls of Carrara marble in the main lobby. But whatever the level of the set-up costs, they were bound to outweigh the bank's disbursement and commitments, at least in its first year.

The EBRD spent about £200 million on start up and operational costs, roughly 25 per cent more than disbursements of £160 million at the end of last month. The EBRD said yesterday it had committed more than two billion ecus for projects totalling about eight billion ecus.

A bank spokeswoman said: "We are proud of our record in central and eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, which have has been achieved in difficult circumstances."

The bank also rejected criticism that it had overspent on its London headquarters. "The bank needed a headquarters building that was suitable to its needs as an international public institution," a spokeswoman said.

The United Kingdom, like the other 55 Western and Eastern countries that own the bank, has supplied senior staff as well as officers to the bank. Mr Lamont is a governor, and the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) supplies the secretariat. Robert Harrison, a senior ODA civil servant, is the UK executive director, and Jon Cunliffe, a Treasury official, is the alternative director.

Few in government expect sparks from the Chancellor's six-minute speech this weekend. Britain wanted the bank in London and, despite a reputation for extravagance by Jacques Attali, the bank's founder and president, and a former adviser to President Mitterrand, Britain will support it at a time when it would also like to attract the headquarters of the new central European Bank.

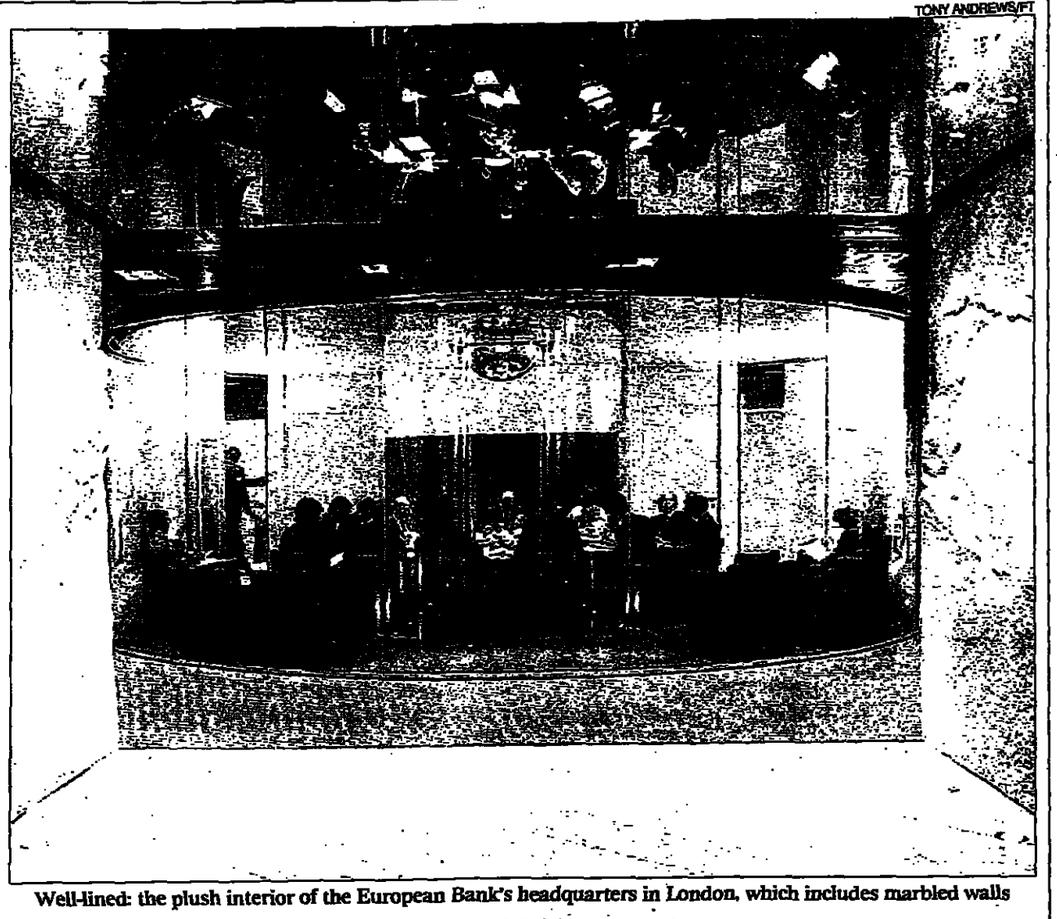
M Attali raised eyebrows when he imported the son of one of the head chefs at the Elysée to be his chef at the bank's headquarters. However, he has never hidden his extravagance, and points to other international institutions' finances to show that the EBRD's are not extraordinary.

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, yesterday demanded answers from Mr Lamont about how the EBRD spent a special grant of £40 million given by Britain as an incentive to locate its headquarters in the City of London.

The Washington-based World Bank, the institution on which the EBRD is modelled, last year had an operational budget of $1.21 billion, six times the size of the EBRD, which included a travel budget of $113.5 million.

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TONY ANDREWS/FT



Well-lined: the plush interior of the European Bank's headquarters in London, which includes marbled walls

# How 'God's' intellectual swung to power

BY CHARLES BREMNER

LEGEND has it that Jacques Attali, the inventor and president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, sprang to stardom the day he met François Mitterrand in a night club in the 1970s. The future president was so impressed when the eccentric intellectual buttonholed him and predicted the global consequences of the oil crisis that he earmarked him for future employment.

M Attali, 49, an owlish-looking polymath, author and intellectual gadfly, hovered in the corridors of French power throughout the 1980s, serving as President Mitterrand's special adviser, a job with an all-encompassing brief.

In the days when he occupied the closest office to "God", as M Mitterrand is known, M Attali preferred to describe himself as "a successful writer at the heart of the power of the state". The remark was typical of a man whose mixture of shyness and lack of modesty earned him a number of enemies. Staff resented his privileges, his body-guards and armoured car. They also resented his duty as M Mitterrand's partner on his regular Monday morning rounds of golf, a sport which he says he taught the president.

Franz-Olivier Giesbert, the editor of *Le Figaro* and a slightly younger whizz kid, once said: "For Attali, the main thing is to be able to watch the exits and entrances of the Elysée palace." M Attali's power over the president in the 1980s prompted much sniping from Socialist ministers, one of whom described him as "half André Malraux, half Marx brother." However, his intellectual energy dazzled even his enemies.

# Teacher appraisals on target

NEARLY half the teachers in England and Wales should have undergone the appraisals that the National Union of Teachers is threatening to boycott by the end of next term (John O'Leary writes). By 1995 all staff in state schools should have undergone assessment.

The method of appraisal varies widely, although the process has to conform to government guidelines issued in 1991. They require at least an hour of classroom observation, a formal interview, the setting of targets for improvement and a follow-up exercise. The whole process requires up to eight hours' work.

Classroom teachers have to be assessed by a senior member of staff, although in many schools they can choose who carries out the appraisal. Many teachers also choose a focus for their appraisal, rather than being assessed on their whole performance. Head teachers have to be assessed by two people, one of them usually a fellow head.

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members to defend teachers' pay and stop performance-related pay coming in through the back door."

But Anne Moran, for the executive, warned that ministers would exploit such a decision. "When your opponent is on the ropes, the last thing you do is offer succour, sustenance and a double brandy so that he comes back stronger than ever."

A ballot will require support from two-thirds of the 180,000 members to trigger action. Teachers would be breaking their contracts by refusing to be appraised, and disciplinary measures could bring about a wave of strike action.

The union's leadership believes that there will be limited support for action. Only 10 per cent of members have backed a boycott in local ballots held in Stockport, Berkshire and Lancashire. But a weak response might encourage the very developments the union is trying to resist.

Mr McAvoy said that he would call off the full vote if a ballot showed that members were split on the issue.

The second largest classroom union yesterday also voted unanimously to condemn compulsory teacher appraisal. The National Association of Schoolmasters /Union of Women Teachers' annual conference in Bournemouth cautioned against any government moves to use the system, introduced in September 1991, as the basis for performance-related pay.

Nigel de Gruchy, the union's general secretary, said teachers should not get involved in convoluted, time-consuming "professional navel gazing" which wasted resources and energy.

Instead they should try to keep appraisal as simple and straightforward as possible, preferably using a system of tick-boxes to assess individual performance in less than five minutes.

The education department said appraisal would be complete for half of the teaching force in England and Wales by July. The remainder being assessed by the end of July 1995.

# Thatcher savages the West

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were overflying the area. "That is not being an accomplice to massacre and that is a very unfortunate phrase," he added.

The defence secretary had earlier said he was not simply opposed to the idea of the UN adopting a combat role because British public opinion was against it. "I do not think there is a military solution the rest of the world can simply impose on Yugoslavia," he said, adding: "Everyone is anxious to see an end to this particular carnage. But it is unwise and foolish to put forward a policy unless you believe it can be delivered."

Lady Thatcher's outburst echoed her emotional call for action to help the Kurds after the Gulf war, and while it will embarrass the government on the day Parliament returns from the Easter recess, she has articulated a cross-party unease over present policy. David Howell, Conservative chairman of the Commons foreign affairs committee, acknowledged that the attack reflected "an enormously widespread concern that a policy of inaction is no longer possible", and Labour will today demand a Commons statement on what it called a breakdown in UN policy in Bosnia. John Cunningham, the shadow foreign secretary, said policy appeared to be collapsing in disarray.

Paddy Ashdown had earlier strongly attacked the government line, maintaining his call for tougher UN action, saying: "If the United Nations is not prepared to draw a line and say 'you won't go further', then we will see the annihilation of the Muslim state, the humiliation of the United Nations, a human tragedy of incalculable proportions and an almost inevitable wider conflict in the Balkans region."

The Liberal Democrat leader was speaking after Monday's attack on Srebrenica, which prompted the senior UN refugee official in Sarajevo to say he hoped the man who ordered the shelling would burn in the hottest corner of hell. Larry Hollingworth added: "The soldiers who loaded the weapons and fired the shells, I hope their sleep is punctuated by the screams of the children and by the cries of their mothers."

As the Serbs took village after village in their advance on Srebrenica, more and more people were forced into the town "where they have a choice: either be transported like cattle or slaughtered like sheep".

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Welsh vote today on women priests

The Anglican Church in Wales is to vote today on ordaining women priests after witnessing an Easter of disarray in the Church of England over the issue. Canon Mervyn Davies, editor of the *Welsh Churchman*, said that some might now think twice about voting in favour when the governing body of the Church in Wales meets at Lampeter. The bill to ordain women in Wales is expected to succeed with a simple majority this year but could fall next year when it needs a two-thirds majority. The Church in Wales is disestablished, so the bill would not have to be put to parliament. Some believe that it could have women priests by next summer.

Five of the six Welsh bishops support women priests but about a third of clergy are thought to be against. A survey of newly ordained clergy has shown more than half to be opposed. Disputes in England are said to encourage wariness.

### Briton faces flogging

A Briton working in Saudi Arabia has been accused of making alcohol in a home-made still, and faces 300 lashes and a jail sentence if found guilty. Damien Devine, 51, from Cirencester, Gloucester, who is the assistant chief fire officer at the King Khaled international airport in Riyadh, has been in prison for three months. After a secret court hearing last Saturday, the case was adjourned. Ronald Grant, an accountant, was given 79 lashes in 1985 for drinking three glasses of wine.

### Crime data head named

The new head of the National Criminal Intelligence Service from May will be Albert Pacey, 54, Gloucestershire's chief constable and chairman of the Association of Chief Police Officers' crime committee. The service was set up a year ago to co-ordinate intelligence on serious crime and has identified "about 500 top villains across the country".

### Religious vow is backed

Pressure on the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts organisations to drop their "duty to God" promises is opposed by the Church of Scotland in a report to be debated by its general assembly next month. The report says the Girl Guides Association is fighting to retain the promise and that "there must be no secularisation of the movement".

### Rugby player charged



Scott Gibbs, 22, the Welsh rugby player chosen to tour New Zealand with the British Lions, was charged yesterday with drink driving and taking and driving away a taxi. Mr Gibbs, right, and two other players, were accused of unlawfully taking the taxi in Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, in the early hours of yesterday. According to eyewitnesses, the car was stopped when other taxi drivers hemmed it in.

### Zoo talks break down

Plans for a £35 million development at London zoo were put on hold yesterday after talks with the consortium New Zoo Developments broke down. NZD had planned a walk-through aquarium and wildlife film theatre for the Regent's Park site. London zoo said it was still looking for partners for its own £21 million ten-year plan.

### Bristol jail 'dangerous'

Bristol jail is criticised for keeping suicidal and deeply disturbed prisoners in dangerous and unacceptable conditions with little supervision, in a report published today by Judge Stephen Tumim, chief inspector of prisons for England and Wales. His report calls for improvements at the jail, which saw serious rioting in 1990.

THE TIMES/DILLONS DEBATE

# Is this the end of marriage?



Bel Mooney

MARRIAGE is a damaging and outmoded institution which does more harm than good, says Dr Julian Hafner, the psychiatrist and author of the controversial new book *The End of Marriage: Why Monogamy Isn't Working*. Is he right? Dr Hafner will defend his views, supported by Laurie Taylor, professor of sociology at York University, at a Times/Dillons debate. Challenging them will be Rabbi Julia Neuberger and the novelist and broadcaster Bel Mooney.

The debate takes place on April 21 at 7.30pm, at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1.

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The search for a group of missing Britons has highlighted the dangers of alternative vacations

# 'Adventure' holiday can mean a trip to disaster

BY BILL FROST

HOLIDAY companies yesterday highlighted the dangers attached to the pursuit of adventure in remote regions of the world. Their warnings were voiced as rescuers defied appalling weather conditions in the Caucasus mountains to search for a party of British mountaineers.

Adventure holidays have increased in popularity as young travellers have tired of package tours and sought to escape the humdrum nature of their daily lives: for this hardy breed of traveller, the element of danger is an essential part of the appeal of such holidays.

Alongside conventional two-week sun and sand holidays, many travel firms now offer long-distance treks through Nepal, Mongolia and Pakistan, white-water rafting in Colorado, skiing in the Arctic Circle and even climbing on Everest.

"Holidays" are also on offer to some of the world's more unpleasant trouble spots, such as Bosnia, Croatia, Angola and Somalia, for around £2,500. A 10-day "excursion" will take holidaymakers to Lebanon where, among the highlights of the visit, is a trip to what remains of the west Beirut barracks where 147 US marines died in a suicide bombing.

Such activities always contain a degree of danger, whether it is bandits lying in wait for the unwary, avalanches high on the slopes or a jeep that careers out of control.

Against such an uncertain background, insurance cover for adventurous holidaymakers — mostly arranged through Lloyd's — can be expensive. Operators specialising in adventure holidays do their best to weed out unsuitable travellers; advertisements always emphasise that certain activities are not designed for the elderly, overweight or inexperienced.




Vicky Pearson, of High Places, which specialises in treks through the Andes, said yesterday: "We advise clients to look for something else if they have not taken part in this sort of thing before. But we tend to find that most of those interested in our kind of holiday have done something similar in the past." Other companies agreed that they, too, would seek to dissuade "unsuitable" customers from taking adventure holidays. Anita Schwerzel of Exodus — "tough" treks through Nepal and Mongolia a speciality — said operators regarded it as a duty to prevent travellers embarking on holidays that they would not enjoy or that were potentially hazardous.

She added: "You can tell who is suitable and who isn't almost at one glance. If a client isn't up to it we try as politely as possible to make the point that they are not equipped for the type of trip we specialise in."

Circumstances beyond the control of even the fittest and most accomplished adventure holidaymaker can lead to tragedy: three years ago Dennis Regensburg, a Briton, died while trekking through northern Pakistan when the jeep in which he was travelling careered off a mountain road and into a swollen river. His death prompted calls for a reappraisal of the hidden dangers of adventure holidays.

The murder of four Britons in Angola last year again highlighted the risks for tourists seeking adventure. Dr Mercedes Mackendrick and her three companions were travelling independently through what they failed to realise was highly dangerous country, where rival armies and bandits were battling for control.

Operators pointed out that the group had made their own arrangements for the trip. Had they approached an adventure holiday company or consulted the Foreign Office they would have been told that their journey was taking them to the heart of a war zone.

Some people, however, court such dangers, that, at least, is the hope of the travel firm El Dorado. The company advertises trips to a selection of the world's battlefields and simmering trouble spots.

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FRANK SPOONER PICTURES

Risky business: mountaineers climbing in the Caucasus, where a search is under way for a party of Britons missing in appalling conditions

## Mountain rescuers stretched

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

ONE man died as a growing number of inexperienced climbers took to the hills last weekend during the busiest period this year for mountain rescue teams in Scotland.

Almost 20 people have died on the Scottish mountains so far this year compared with 40 during the whole of 1992. The Royal Air Force's rescue co-ordination centre at Pitreavie, near Dunfermline, answered 22 calls in three days over the Easter weekend. The centre co-ordinates helicopter rescues for parts of England and Wales as well as Scotland.

The man who died was named as Samuel McClements, 53, an experienced climber and the deputy rector of Dunfermline High school, who fell down a snow-covered slope on Stuc a Chroin at Lochearnhead, Central, on Sunday.

Police warned climbers not to tackle snow-covered mountains unless they are experienced and use ice axes and crampons.

Rescuers say their service is being strained by more inexperienced people pushing for the summit of mountains.

The advice for climbers is to have winter boots, warm clothes with a complete waterproof outer shell, a survival kit, crampons, ice axe, map, compass, whistle and torch. The most important thing is to leave a note of the route and expected time of return.

# Man shot at ragga concert as 5,000 fans go on rampage

BY RICHARD FORD AND LIN JENKINS

TWO men were being questioned by police last night after shots were fired as thousands of people attended a concert of ragga music, a new and violent addition to the popular music scene.

The violence erupted as Tiger, the Jamaican ragga star, was on stage at a west London club. Earlier 500 fans without tickets had tried to force their way in.

As about 5,000 people milled around outside Le Palais in Hammersmith, which holds only 2,300, angry fans hurled bottles, bricks and CS gas canisters at police. Twelve people were arrested for public order offences.

Shortly before 2am, gunfire was heard above the music and a man was shot inside the club, a popular venue for black groups and audiences. There was panic as the man collapsed in a bar area near the dance floor.

The victim, a mechanic aged 28 from Harlesden, west London, was taken to Charing Cross Hospital where he was treated for gunshot wounds in the leg and back. Last night his condition was described by police as "conscious and stable".

The incident in Hammersmith followed a shooting on Good Friday at the Malcolm X club in Bristol, during an earlier concert of the ragga tour, called Champions in Action. Scotland Yard did not believe the two shootings were linked.

Young fans at the Hammersmith concert alleged that a group of Yardie-style troublemakers had been intimidating genuine ragga music lovers during the evening and there had been no security guards to deal with them. Yardies are Jamaican-based criminal gangs involved in the drug trade.

Tracey James, 18, said: "There was a group of men standing on a stairway near the left-hand side of the stage. They looked and talked liked Yardies. If you wanted to go to the bar area you had to walk all the way round to the other side of the hall, and the place was packed. It was causing a lot of arguments, but there didn't seem to be any uniformed security men around to tell."

Miss James heard loud bangs which she thought were blanks being fired. "Then I saw flashes and everyone started running away, screaming. It was terrible. Everybody was crushed as they ran to get away. The dance floor was covered with shoes, jewellery and glasses."

Last night Scotland Yard discounted theories that the incident was the result of warfare between rival gangs involved in drug dealing. Detective Supt Roger Matthews, of the Metropolitan police, said: "There was a deliberate shooting which was a result of a dispute between two men.

"No drugs were found at the scene but afterwards two eight-inch knives were found inside and a four-inch flick knife was found near a kebab shop outside."

Mr Matthews said the problems earlier in the evening were due to many people arriving without tickets. Five police officers were injured during the fighting as a large proportion of the crowd, many of whom had been outside the building for four hours, attempted to storm their way in to Le Palais. A hundred officers joined 25 security men to form a cordon around the building.

Chief Supt Alan Edwards of Hammersmith police said his officers had tried to search people as they entered the building but the large crowd made it impossible to check everyone.

Joe Douglas, a director of WNK commercial radio station which was a co-promoter of the concert, said the crowds had arrived at Hammersmith in spite of messages broadcast on the radio station saying that all the tickets had been sold.

He said it was difficult to get venues in London that were big enough to cope with the numbers who wanted to attend ragga concerts.



Ragga reaction: armed police outside Le Palais

## Songs glamourise guns and sex

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY

RAGGA, a Jamaican music taking guns and sex as its themes, was what drew thousands of people to the Hammersmith Palais on Monday night.

The West Indian cousin of North American rap, ragga consists of rapid rhythmic monologues, known as "toasting", often attacking the police and homosexuals, and boasting of sexual violence against women. "Most ragga artists just sing about shooting and f...ing people," the reviews editor of a well-known British music publication said. "I wouldn't want to give them a stereotyped repertoire, but that's basically it."

Three of the four performers on Monday night's bill, Daddy Screw, Terror Fabulous and Tiger, have rising reputations in the Caribbean and a strong following among young British blacks. Their Hammersmith Palais performance was the climax of a five-concert tour; at their Bristol concert at least one shot was fired.

Shabba Ranks, the best-known ragga singer, came to the attention of the British public after a member of the audience was shot during one of his concerts in London in 1990.

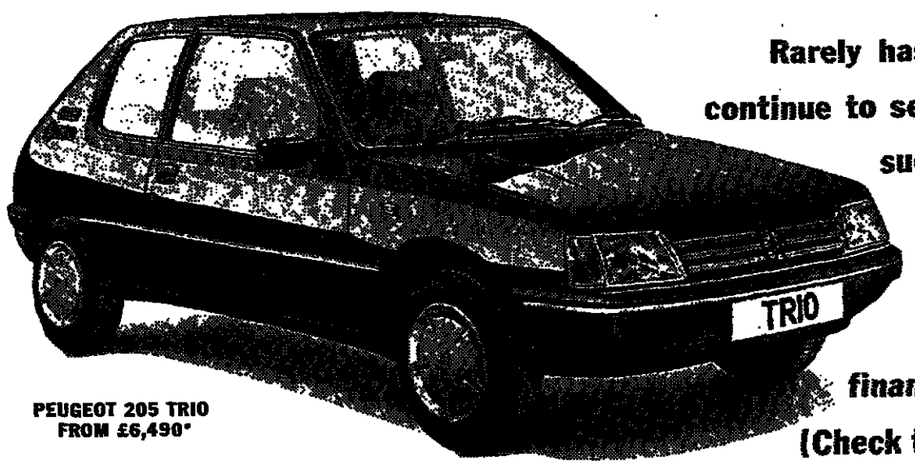
Ragga comes from ragganuffins, young men who live on the streets. A cruder and rougher development of reggae, ragga has abandoned the melody that gave reggae singers such as Bob Marley worldwide hits. Yet in the past few months it has enjoyed substantial commercial success in Britain: at the end of last month the top three places in the Gallup chart used by Radio One were filled by ragga singles: *Oh Carolina* by Shaggy, *Informer* by the Canadian white ragga singer Snow; and Shabba Ranks's *Mr Loverman*.

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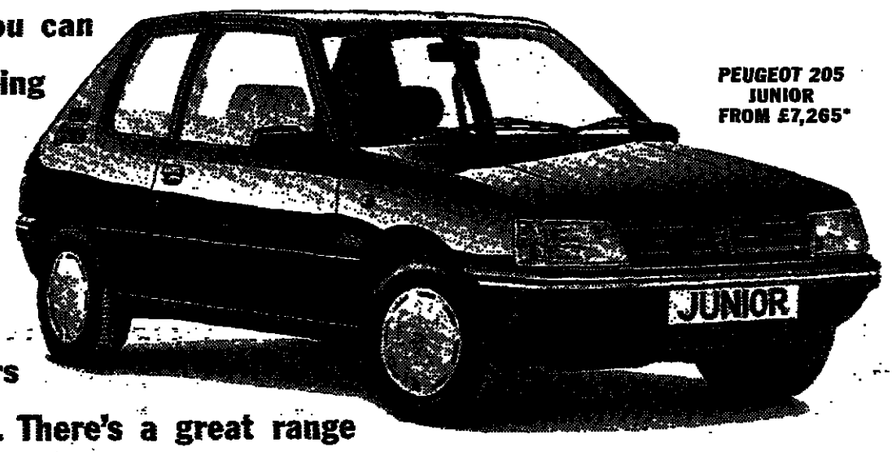
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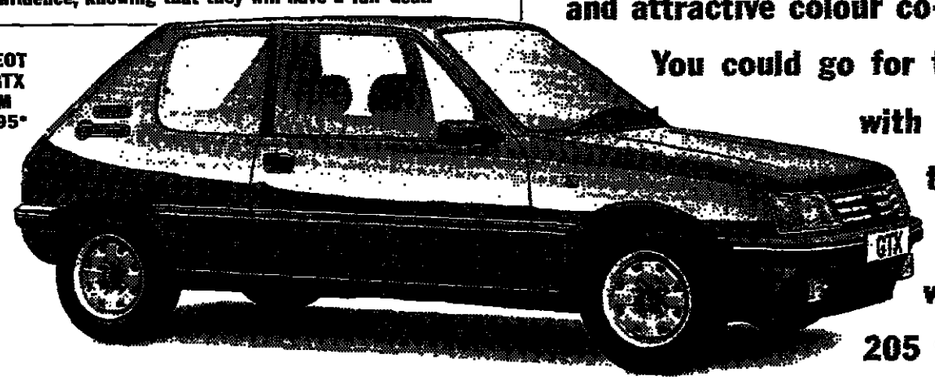



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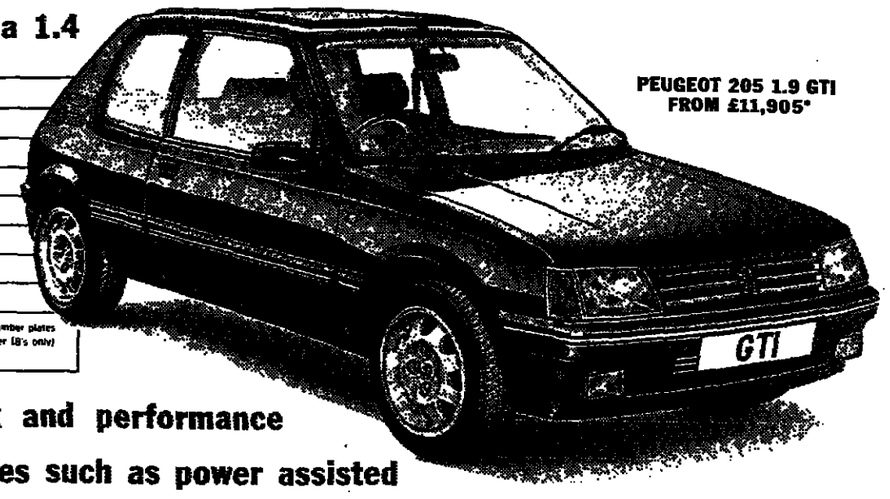
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Times survey

# New sellers attract buyers as housing market comes to life

By Rachel Kelly and Gillian Bowditch

**After the Easter rush to estate agents, *The Times* looks at three streets to assess what is happening in the housing market**

IN THE reawakening housing market it is proving easier to get the asking price for houses just on the market than for properties that have been on sale for some time, according to a survey by *The Times*. Prices are continuing to fall for homes that have been on the market for more than a few months.

Movements in prices for Windham Road, Bournemouth, one of three typical streets chosen for the survey, illustrate the point. The road is a mix of terraced, detached and semi-detached red-brick housing in an inexpensive area near the station and there are four houses for sale.

The quickest sale is likely to be for a three-bedroom terraced house that went on the market at £42,500. A sale was agreed within days at £41,500 but it fell through. The house is back on the market at £39,000.

James Dennett, from the estate agent Goadsby & Harding which is selling the house, said: "New stuff on the market, if it's correctly priced, is not seeing any significant price drops and is selling quickly. But prices are trickling down for houses that have been on the market for a while.

"We've been selling these sort of houses for about £40,000 for the last three or four months. About six months ago, they were selling for a bit over that.

"The reason the house will sell so quickly is that it was correctly priced from the start. It is an executor's sale and there are only two beneficiaries who are not arguing over the price."

The price of a semi-detached house in the road has been steadily falling since it went on the market in November 1991 at £64,950. It came down a further £2,000 in February to £57,495. Mr Dennett expects the price to fall further if the owner wants a sale. "They are asking too much money," he said. A detached house that went on sale in May 1991 has come down from £79,950 to £59,000. Lack of interest is blamed on a poor survey.

Holland Park Avenue in west London, the second street in *The Times'* survey, is lined with large white houses and even a one-bedroom flat costs about £100,000. Samantha Hill, of the estate agent Foxtons, said: "It is impossible to calculate exactly what prices are doing. It varies, property by property."

A three-bedroom maisonette has seen no change during the past four months in its £239,000 price tag, but the price of a two-bedroom, second-floor flat above a shop has dropped from £115,000 to £89,950. The agent has an offer of £85,000 which the owners are expected to accept.

> 'Much depends on the vendors. Some can be greedy — they have large mortgages or are in negative equity'

"Much depends on the vendors," said Ms Hill. "Some want as much as they can for their property, and can be greedy. They have large mortgages or are in negative equity."

Prices are therefore inflated at first. "But if an agent doesn't agree to the vendor's price, then you won't get the instruction. The first four months of marketing can be a waste of time."

Ms Hill said that a pattern was emerging of price drops for homes that have been on the market for some time, but new properties, correctly priced, were selling at the amount sought.

In some areas, however, the market is booming at all levels. One of these is the new town of East Kilbride, Strathclyde, which has a thriving electronics industry and has been running an advertising campaign to attract other businesses.

The third street in *The Times* survey, Mount Herrick, is on the town's Valleyfield estate, a modern development where the turnover of property is fast and prices have not yet fallen. Slater Hogg & Howison, one of the main Scottish estate agents, has four properties for sale in the street and some around the corner.

Paul Fox, a valuer with Slater Hogg, does not expect problems in selling three of the houses. They have all gone on the market in the last two months and two are being sold because of business relocation, which last year accounted for 30 per cent of Slater Hogg's business in East Kilbride.

Mr Fox said the estate, built in the late 1980s, tended to attract families moving into the area because of their jobs. Because of this many companies pay relocation costs, which frees them from the worries of selling their old property or financing bridging loans.

Mr Fox estimated that his office has resold 50 per cent of the property on the Valleyfield estate since it was built. House prices have continued to rise in that period, albeit more slowly than in the late 1980s, and February 1993 was the second best month for Slater Hogg's East Kilbride office since it opened seven years ago.

One of the most expensive homes in Mount Herrick, a three-bedroom detached bungalow with garden and garage, sold within days of coming on to the market last month. The vendors, who were relocating because of work, were seeking offers more than £62,500 and it sold for £64,000.

"There are not many detatched bungalows in East Kilbride, and because Valleyfield is an out-of-town estate the prices tend to be lower than in the centre of town," Mr Fox said.

A two-bedroom semi-villa, available for offers over £55,000, is the next most expensive and has been on the market for about six weeks.

Another quick sale will be a two-bedroom semi-villa, seeking offers more than £46,500. It is under offer at £47,000. "It looks a nice house and has a good feel to it, which is still very important." The owners are also relocating because of work.

The location of individual properties within a street can have an enormous bearing on their sale and price.

A semi-detatched villa in Mount Herrick has been on Mr Fox's books for eight months and the price has dropped £2,000 to offers over £46,500. Mr Fox said it has taken so long to sell because of it was close to a council estate. With so many houses on the market, buyers have plenty of choice. In the time that house has been on the market Slater Hogg has sold eight similar properties in the area.




Signs of hope: it is difficult to find a one-bedroom flat for less than £100,000 in Holland Park Avenue

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TONY WHITE




Red Rover: the former London Transport double-decker that has taken the BBC's message to 24 countries

## World Service beams into Albania by bus

THE BBC World Service bus yesterday set off for Albania, the only former Communist country in Europe it has not yet visited. Broadcasts to the country restarted in February after 25 years, and the BBC is heading there with its travelling exhibition, charting a route across mountainous Balkan roads in the former number 221. The bus was converted into an exhibition centre four years ago, and has visited 24 countries in Europe and north Africa, including Russia. More than a million people have seen its on-board displays.

Hugh Closs, marketing manager for the BBC's Europe World Service, said: "We once got flagged down by a policeman on a motorway in Slovakia. When we asked what was wrong he replied, 'Nothing, I just wanted to tell the station I'd held up the BBC bus. I can dine out on that for ten years.' " The bus will cover 3,000 miles and visit 12 towns, starting with the capital, Tirana.

## Organic is not dotty, says prince

By Alan Hamilton

ORGANIC farming is not a dotty fad, the Prince of Wales said yesterday, merely a return to traditional methods of agriculture.

The prince, who was addressing the launch of a new initiative on sustainable farming at Edinburgh university's school of agriculture at Ingliston, has suffered more than his fare share from charges of dottiness. Buthe is enjoying sweet revenge, for his book on how he banished agrochemicals from his own farm at Highgrove is topping the hardback charts.

The prince, however, did admit that he felt uneasy when he was described as an evangelist for organic farming. "I must say I am merely groping my way towards what I hope will prove to be a more sustainable approach to agriculture and care of the environment. It is extraordinarily ironic that we are here talking about sustainable agriculture or organic farming, when this is merely the way to describe a more traditional long-term approach to farming," he said.

Half the acreage of the farm at Highgrove has been converted to fully organic methods, and the prince plans to have the entire 1,000 acres operating on organic principles by 1995.

After his speech, the prince told guests: "I could not help thinking that I was not entirely dotty to follow my own particular convictions and convert the farm to an organic system. As far as I am concerned, the results have been really quite encouraging."

# Low-paid lose out as legal aid cuts come into effect

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

A MAN who wants to sue his former employer for alleged wrongful dismissal became one of the first victims of the government's legal aid cuts yesterday when he was told he no longer qualified for publicly funded legal advice.

The man, a graphic designer, visited the London solicitors Stephens Innocent where Stuart Lockyear told him that because he had taken a temporary job earning £85 a week, he no longer qualified for help under the so-called "green form" legal advice scheme.

Mr Lockyear said: "I explained he would have to pay my fees for ... help with the application for full legal aid, which will be some two to three hours' work — a cost of £200 to £300 — and so he said he would have to think about it and reconsider whether to bring the claim after all."

Solicitors around the country were yesterday telling clients a similar tale: many people will no longer qualify for legal aid advice, which is being scrapped for all those above income support level — more than £61 a week. Those who can obtain full legal aid will have to pay much heftier contributions.

Yesterday, the first effective day of the changes, solicitors said that victims of domestic violence would be among those affected. A woman who wanted to seek an injunction to stop her violent husband from molesting her just escaped the legal aid cuts because she contacted her solicitors 48 hours before they were implemented.

Vincent McAuliffe, a solicitor with T.V. Edwards, said: "My fear is that we will have a lot of people in the community who will be putting up with a situation where they are in fear of violence, would like a divorce but will not be eligible for 'green form'."

That meant they would have to pay several hundred pounds for a solicitor to prepare an application for an injunction and £200 to £300 to obtain a divorce, which was impossible, he said. His firm planned to charge such clients at the former legal aid rates — about £45 an hour — rather than their normal charging rates for private clients, which was roughly double.

Another London solicitor, James Pirrie, of Russel Jones & Walker, said that with no lawyer in London charging less than £61 an hour, that would mean "the entirety of someone's weekly earnings going into one hour's legal advice, and that isn't going to get you very far".

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# Locals asked for ideas to keep Nonsuch alive

BY JOHN YOUNG

HENRY VIII spent £24,000 in 1538 building a flamboyant Renaissance pleasure palace surrounded by a 250 acre deer park in what is now the Surrey commuter belt. He named it Nonsuch, as if to challenge anyone bold enough to attempt to emulate or better it.

The palace has long since vanished, but four and a half centuries later cuts in local authority spending and a repair bill of at least £600,000 are jeopardising the future of its more modest, but still substantial, successor.

The Mansion House in Nonsuch Park is listed Grade II and stands about a mile from the site of the palace: it was designed in the Georgian Gothic style by Jeffrey Wyatt for one Samuel Farmer between 1802 and 1806.

In 1937 the house and park were acquired by a consortium of local authorities led by the then London county council to forestall housing development. The present joint owners are Epsom and Ewell council and the London borough of Sutton. In recent years some of the main rooms have been used for wedding receptions and other functions, and part of the upstairs for adult education classes, but much of the house has lain unused.

David Smith, clerk to the joint management committee, said yesterday that estimates for repairs ranged from £600,000 to £1.5 million.

In an attempt to raise the funds, the councils have sent some 3,000 questionnaires to local residents inviting ideas. Suggestions include new offices for the registrar of births, deaths and marriages, and a wine bar in the impressive vaulted cellars. A proposal for an 18-hole golf course was rejected after forceful public objections.

Mr Smith said: "We have simply not been able to provide the revenue to restore and maintain the building, and so we have had to look at other options."

Nigel Trott, secretary of the Friends of Nonsuch, said the park was very beautiful and unusual, if not as widely known as might be expected. There was no great urgency about repairs to the house, which could be carried out over the next five to ten years, but he said he recognised the difficulties caused by spending cuts.

The palace was a favourite retreat of Queen Elizabeth I and of the Stuarts, but was demolished for building materials at the end of the 17th century. The site was excavated during the 1960s, uncovering a large number of fragments which are now in the care of the Museum of London.



DENZIL McNEELANCE

Cost counting: residents are being asked for suggestions to raise funds for repairs to the Mansion House in Henry VIII's Nonsuch Park

# Ancient books on Borders life and loves to be published

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

DOCUMENTS detailing the lives and loves of the Scottish Borders people in the 16th century are to be published after lying untouched in an attic for centuries. The 13 volumes detail the social, economic, ecclesiastical and family histories of the people of Selkirk around the time of the battle of Flodden and cover the period 1511 to 1547. Known as the Selkirk Protocol Books, the first four volumes will be made available to the public next week.

The books are the work of local priests and notaries John Chapman, John Brydin and Ninian Brydin and contain information on land transactions, wills, papal dispensations to marry, and local disputes. Also included is the financial settlement of a murder and the will of a priest who left his brewing kit to his natural daughter.

The books came to light in 1988 on the death of Walter Mason. They had lain untouched in an attic above a bank in Selkirk for many years. At the outbreak of the second world war, the bank manager was ordered to dispose of all flammable material which could be described as incendiary hazards.

Next door were bakers Walter and Bruce Mason, keen antiquarians who rescued the best of the documents from the fire. The brothers kept the archives hidden, although by the time of Walter Mason's death the existence of the archive was a fairly open secret.

The documents were passed on to Walter Elliot, a friend of Mr Mason and one of the few people able to read the Protocol Books, which are written in a mixture of medieval Scots and Latin. He donated them to the Ettrick and Lauderdale District Museum Service where Ian Brown, the curator, set about raising funds to conserve them. They are to be published jointly with the Stair Society on April 21.

The Channel tunnel

# Lorries face undersea ban in shuttle safety dispute

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

HEAVY goods lorries could be barred from the Channel tunnel when it opens later this year because of a dispute over the safety of the rail wagons on which they will be carried.

Despite several meetings, representatives of Eurotunnel, the company responsible for running services through the tunnel, have been unable to reach agreement with the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority on the wagons' design.

One hundred shuttle wagons have been delivered by their Italian manufacturers but the authority, established by the French and British governments, has refused to sanction their use.

Secret fire procedure and safety tests in a disused iron ore mine near Hammerfest, Norway, failed to resolve the dispute; one of the wagons was loaded with trucks and set on fire to establish whether escape procedures were adequate.

In its latest report, for 1991-2, the safety authority confirms that because of the dispute over the design, it has been unable to clear the wagons for use. Eddy Ryder, chairman designate of the authority, said: "If Eurotunnel haven't taken the right steps to satisfy us on safety, then we won't allow the tunnel to be used by heavy goods vehicles."

The dispute arose after the safety authority found itself unable to recommend acceptance of Eurotunnel's "semi-open" design, even after safety improvements, preferring fully enclosed wagons.

Mr Ryder believes there are still difficulties to be resolved for evacuating lorry drivers in the event of a fire. Eurotunnel is analysing the results of the fire test and is confident any problems can be resolved.

# Car policies to exclude theft by deception

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

INSURANCE companies are re-drafting motor polices to exclude theft by deception, due to growing numbers of vehicles being taken for test drives and never returning.

In other cases, thieves pay for cars with stolen building society cheques, which sellers believe are as safe as a bank draft. In both instances, one of Britain's largest insurance companies has warned drivers their motor cover does not include such theft.

In the past year, cars stolen by deception include a Mercedes, a Porsche and a Range Rover taken in London and the Home Counties. Scotland Yard does not believe the thefts are the work of organised gangs.

In at least one case the police have supported the claimant in defining the loss as a straightforward theft, while the insurance company took the view that more care should have been taken.

General Accident estimates they are refusing claims worth between £550,000 to £1 million a year because drivers have failed to take sufficient precautions before parting with their cars. New policies and renewal notices are being issued with a warning to drivers that theft by deception is not covered.

A spokesman for General Accident said there were increasing problems with stolen building society cheques: "People think they are covered because they are like banker's drafts, but they are not foolproof."

Sellers are advised to go on a test drive with a potential buyer or make him leave his own car or something valuable with the owner.

A spokesman for the Association of British Insurers said adding exclusion clauses was an increasing practice among companies because there was sometimes legal uncertainty about the wording of policies.

NEWS IN BRIEF

## Twin boys die in house fire

Twin boys aged 16 months died in a blaze at their home yesterday, believed to have started after their elder brothers played with an electric fire. The parents and sister of Philip and Martin Watkiss were taken to hospital.

Police said it appeared that the twins' elder brothers, aged four and five, were lighting pieces of paper on an electric fire in a bedroom at the house in Wolverhampton when a bin caught fire. They ran downstairs for water but the flames spread to furniture.

Neighbours rescued Whitney Watkiss, 2, who was revived by fire fighters and taken to hospital where she was in intensive care.

## Girl loses legs

Doctors have amputated the second leg of Leigh-Anne Johns, 9, who was injured when a car mounted a pavement killing her friends Rachel and Maria Reed, aged five and seven. One of Leigh-Anne's legs was amputated shortly after the accident in South Bank, Middlesbrough, on Sunday.

## Kurd joy-rider

A Kurdish refugee who injured a pedestrian after mounting the pavement in a stolen car was sentenced to four months' youth custody. Erdal Yelocagi, 19, of Stoke Newington, east London, admitted stealing a friend's car for a tour of the West End.

## Bingo killing

Sharon Hall, 23, has died nine days after being stabbed at a bingo hall in Newcastle upon Tyne. Her mother Lillian, 60, died in the attack. David McEvoy, 32, a former boy friend of Miss Hall, was charged last week.

## Landlord found

A pub landlord from Bedfordshire who sparked a police enquiry when he disappeared more than two years ago has been found safe. Police said Spencer Snape, 30, fled The Compasses in Greenfield because of domestic problems.

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# British Rail planner takes the long hard route to victory

BY OUR TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

AFTER a four year saga which he describes as hell, the man charged with delivering the first main railway line to be built in Britain this century is convinced the 70-mile Channel tunnel link to London will be built.

If, despite government approval, it fails to materialise, John Prideaux believes Britain's position as a country with any view of its future is untenable.

"I would find it incredible if we didn't proceed. There is nobody in the transport sector who does not think this is the highest priority line in the country."

Most of the hell occurred before Dr Prideaux, 48, was appointed in July 1992 as chairman of Union Railways, the British Rail subsidiary formed to take charge of the project.

Political in-fighting, sparked off largely by Tory MPs trying to preserve their marginal seats, led to public ridicule of the venture. The decision to opt for an easterly approach into London was not taken until October 1991.

This clarified the ground rules and, although the battles were not over, allowed Dr Prideaux to plan with a degree of confidence not enjoyed by his predecessors.

Were he not a railwayman to the core, it would be easy to envisage Dr Prideaux as a career diplomat or politician in the mould of Douglas Hurd. He has no time for the battering ram and prefers to win his argument through logic and intellect.

In little more than a year, he has attended 1,000 meetings, twisting in a very gentlemanly but determined fashion the arms of politicians, protesters and Whitehall mandarins.

Inevitably, the mandarins have proved to be the toughest adversaries, although Dr Prideaux and Sir Bob Reid, the chairman of British Rail, appear to have won a victory with the announcement by John MacGregor, the transport secretary, that the line is to be partly funded by public money.

The only charge which appears to bring him close to public anger is the suggestion that, in order to win his 68 miles of track from London to the tunnel, he has compromised by opting for a cut-rate "cheap and cheerful" solution instead of the £4.5 billion plan once envisaged.

Uttering an ironic laugh he said: "I could I suppose respond to that with a short Anglo-Saxon expletive. The truth is very different."

Dr Prideaux takes great pride in explaining that the environmental concerns of the line were given priority before the engineers were let loose with their hard hats.

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Aware of the conflicting concerns and passions of environmental experts with different interests, he opted for the "papal" solution, insisting they met together until the white smoke of pragmatic compromise emerged from the chimney.

The result is that when the line is built only 11 properties will be demolished. He can point to a 10-mile stretch of motorway, within sight of where his line will disappear beneath the Channel, which involved the demolition of scores of houses.

Although the green light has been given, the battle is not yet over and Dr Prideaux is aware he faces many more late nights and many more meetings. Increasingly they will involve the money men and he has not discounted the possibility of Union Railways, which is to be transferred to the private sector, being floated on the Stock Exchange.

In order to deliver to Kent and Britain the best possible deal, Dr Prideaux spent money on gathering around him the best possible team. These ranged from the money men who could put forward the most convincing business strategy, to high minded conservationists whose prime concern was to protect "every badger, mole and vole".

He is confident that if Britain as a whole were to adopt the same rigorous environmental approach as has been devoted to "his" line, then the country would be a better and cleaner place in which to live.

This commitment to the environment is not the result of political pragmatism, for part of his rare leisure hours are devoted to the appreciation of art and design. He is not a man to start up the bulldozer without regard to the consequences and believes that by the turn of the century the efforts of his team will vindicate his vision.

He is well honed to meet the challenge for, in a previous reincarnation, he headed InterCity, transforming it from a 30-strong planning group into a non-subsidised profit making railway employing 35,000 people.

Dr Prideaux had a poisoned chalice etched into his notepaper as a self-depricating measure because he was tired of hearing that the Channel tunnel link could be the career move which would break his back.

If, by the turn of the century his line is up and running, he may consider altering the watermark to a symbol which would be instantly recognised by Winston Churchill.

'There is nobody in the transport sector who doesn't think this is the highest priority line in the country'

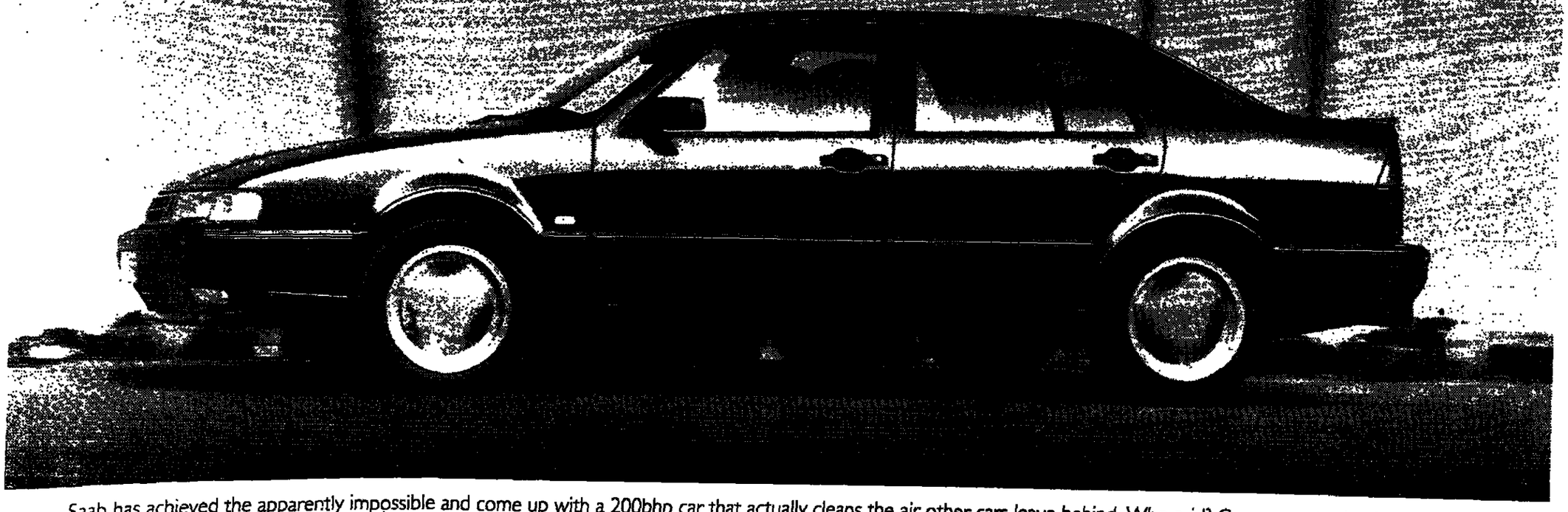


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# Health service faces pressure to team up with private sector

BY JILL SHERMAN AND JEREMY LAURANCE

HEALTH ministers are to launch a new initiative to increase private-sector investment in health care.

With the health service facing a harsh round of Treasury cuts, Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, is pushing for greater private financing as part of the government's drive to shift the burden away from state provision.

Next week Tom Sackville, the junior health minister, will announce that health regions and NHS trusts will be allowed to use more private capital for renting medical equipment and building new developments. Until now they have been confined to an annual limit of £50,000 for rentals and £250,000 on capital assets.

Mr Sackville will also outline an initiative, to be fleshed out next month by Mrs Bottomley to attract more private money to the NHS.

Ministers are also considering proposals to allow private firms to build, equip and manage hospitals, and then sell their services to the NHS.

Yesterday Mrs Bottomley made it clear that health services would remain free at the point of need, but said she would like to see greater private-sector involvement.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's *World at One* programme, Mrs Bottomley said: "We should not have apartheid between the public and private sector. We are partners and my job is to make sure it is the NHS that benefits."

The review of health service spending being carried out jointly with the Treasury gives Mrs Bottomley the ideal opportunity to reopen the debate about the private/public mix in health care. Faced with the prospect of cuts in the health budget, Mrs Bottomley is likely to get more sympathy from NHS managers over plans for more private investment.

Mrs Bottomley was also pressed yesterday by David Willetts, the Tory MP for Havant, to ask private firms to tender for all new hospital developments. In a paper published yesterday Mr Willetts, a former member of the Downing Street Policy Unit, outlined six key areas where the private sector could combine with the NHS.

These include allowing the private sector to design, construct and equip a hospital or unit and lease it back to the state. Alternatively the firm could take over the management and operation of the hospital and sell its services to the NHS. Bottomley is understood to have asked Mr Willets personally to undertake his study.

The Autumn Statement, which paved the way for more private finance in public projects, has led to a flurry of interest from hospital finance directors.

Less than five years on from the NHS's financial crisis of 1987 the twin problems of underfunding and unmet need remain unsolved. Although hospitals are treating more patients than ever before, a record number — almost a million at the latest count — are waiting for treatment. The British Medical Association reported last month that six out of ten hospitals had the capacity to do more work than they were funded to perform.

This year the NHS is expected to grow by less than 2 per cent, after funds were cut by £700 million in the Autumn Statement, compared with 4.2 per cent last year and 7 per cent in 1990-1.

David Blunkett, the shadow health secretary, said the NHS should not be used to provide profits for the private sector. He said he was not opposed to using private finance for leasing and other arrangements. "But privatising care whilst using public funds as a safety net is the unacceptable agenda now being peddled by Treasury ministers as part of their objective of dramatic cuts in public spending."

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# Thatcher's advocate pleads free-market case

THE POLITICAL INTERVIEW

MICHAEL HOWARD

By Peter Riddell

JULIAN HERBERT



Howard's way: Michael Howard, persuasive voice of the environment department

When talking to Michael Howard, you are soon reminded that he was a successful barrister. He never admits the possibility of error or doubt, skilfully disguising any weaknesses in his own case and seizing on any slip. This style can sometimes make him appear too smooth and sharp on television, but in private Mr Howard is engaging and stimulating. Any conversation with him is a friendly intellectual joust.

Mr Howard is one of the most intriguing members of the cabinet. He came to the Commons in 1983, more than a decade after close Cambridge friends like Norman Lamont, and quickly became part of the vanguard of Thatcherism. He handled the detailed advocacy on the legislation over the regulation of the City, the poll tax (which he still calls the community charge) and water privatisation.

Entering the cabinet in Mrs Thatcher's final year, he went on to become a central member of the Major team, moving to the environment department a year ago. Nonetheless, he remains a voice of Thatcherism or, less contentiously, the free market.

But how can these views be applied in a department whose main objective has been to recycle taxpayers' money? Mr Howard has no doubts. "Competition is at the heart of market forces. We are trying to get away from the old idea that resources are distributed by set formula. If you give money as a matter of routine, it will be spent as a matter of routine and you will not get the best results. But if you introduce an element of competition, so that people have to think through from scratch the way in which they can best use resources, combining central and local government resources with those of the private sector, you are going to get much better results. This applies even in the case of those who are unsuccessful."

Mr Howard believes the government has won the battle of ideas. He talks about the spirit of partnership. He believes that "one of the differences between now and when I was here before [as a minister of state for two and a half years after the 1987 election] is that local authorities now accept all the things we were arguing about in the 1980s."

Following the introduction by his predecessor, Michael Heseltine, of City Challenge, under which councils put up bids for inner-city projects, he highlights the introduction of competition into the way housing investment resources are distributed. "Ministers listen to the housing strategies of individual authorities. I went to Harringay, whose leaders, at least in their language, were totally in tune with the kind of philosophy we have been trying to get across. The extent to which it is reflected in practice remains to be seen."

Mr Howard has applied his free-market ideas to the environment, which has been one of his priorities in the past year. A new target for carbon emissions was agreed, which enabled Britain to sign up to the convention on climate change at the Rio Earth Summit. Britain is now two-thirds of the way towards the target, partly thanks to the tax proposals in the Budget last month.

He talks enthusiastically about green issues, emphasising various meetings over the next two months about how the Rio agreements will be implemented. For him, "an increasing amount of international diplomacy is environmental diplomacy. This is an international department in a way which would have been regarded as inconceivable a very few years ago."

Reflecting his Euro-scepticism, Mr Howard emphasises the role of Britain as a national government bridging gaps with, for instance, the developing world rather than acting collectively through the European Community. He adds: "We are very well-placed to play our traditional role of acting as broker to the US and the rest of the EC."

Market solutions can help. There is, he argues, widespread recognition of the importance of market instruments — emphasised in the fifth action programme of the EC, and the Agenda 21 programme agreed at Rio. The government is consulting about the use of tradeable permits on water emissions.

His other priority has been to introduce the council tax successfully. "It's difficult now to remember the sense of foreboding of commentators. I have been surprised at the way in which we have managed to avoid controversy. There was a general recognition that this was an issue which had to be resolved. We have worked very hard at anticipating difficulties. We have taken local government with us all the way on the mechanics, which was not the case on the community charge."

Mr Howard is at his most barrister-like when asked why local councils complain about Whitehall restrictions. "It is an indication of how short memories are. When we came into office in 1979 there were controls over almost everything that local authorities did. If they wanted to spend on any capital project, they had to get detailed permission. I think we swept away something like 300 detailed controls on local authorities — although, it is true, we have capping because you have to keep public spending under control."

He still talks about "a radical reforming government". For him, the issue is less pluralism than a continuing debate about how services are delivered. "It has always been for Parliament to decide where the boundaries should be drawn. They have never been fixed. The driving philosophy has not been the limitation of local government, it has been to identify the most effective way which a particular service could be delivered."

Mr Howard sounded persuasive, as he always does, but he has not yet succeeded in convincing all in local government of his benign intentions.

# Rifkind set to reprieve dockyards

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE future of the two royal dockyards at Devonport and Rosyth looks certain to be guaranteed by Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, within the next month.

Mr Rifkind was drafting a report for cabinet colleagues over Easter, spelling out his plans to defuse the political row over threatened jobs by splitting naval work between the two sites.

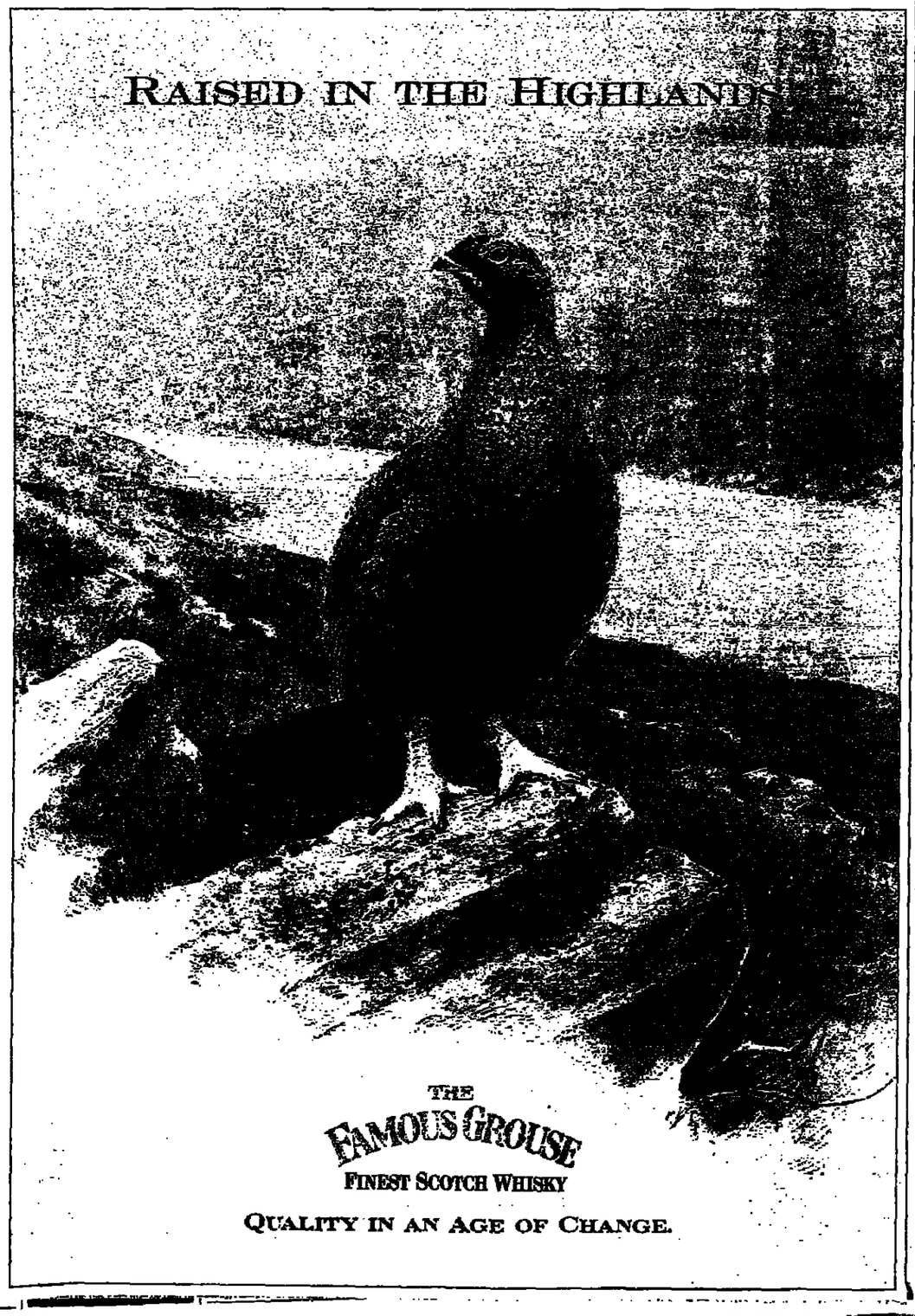
Although he is not understood to have decided which yard will win the contract for refitting Trident submarines, Devonport now appears to be only narrowly the favourite. An estimated 18,000 jobs are at risk directly and indirectly in the West Country or Scotland if either yard closes.

The much-delayed announcement on the fate of the two yards is now expected to be made by Mr Rifkind at the end of April or early May.

One senior official disclosed that the new assessment of Rosyth was "more impressive". The yard which loses the Trident contract is likely to be partly compensated by non-nuclear work on the surface fleet together with the promise of contracts for repair work on oil tankers.

Defence ministry officials originally favoured all naval work being concentrated at Devonport so that Rosyth could be closed. They argued that it made economic sense to opt for only one site following cuts in the submarine and surface fleet.

Mr Rifkind considered a compromise deal to award other naval work to the Scottish yard so that it could be run down slowly. After an outcry he ordered fresh studies into the competing bids.




# Opponents of Maastricht drum up support in Lords

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

ANTI-Maastricht campaigners are engaged in an aggressive covert exercise to persuade "backwoodsmen" peers to vote for a referendum on the treaty.

With the Maastricht bill back before MPs today for the last leg of its House of Commons stage, the obscure hereditary peers occasionally wheeled in by the government to secure key votes in the Lords are being subjected to intense lobbying from both sides of the debate.

Government whips are increasingly concerned that well organised lobbying by the anti-Maastricht camp may deliver a majority in favour of a referendum when peers vote on the issue later this year. They are facing an opposition, led by Baroness Thatcher and Lord Tebbit, more than ready to use aggressive parliamentary tactics rarely encountered in the more sedate upper chamber.

Even normally staunch loyalists such as Lord Boyd-Carpenter, the former chairman of the Association of Conservative peers, have refused to rule out voting against the government and for a referendum on the treaty.

Although a referendum amendment could be reversed later in the Commons, it would represent another heavy blow to the government's attempts to ratify the treaty as recent polls show a narrow majority against Maastricht. The polls also show strong public support for a referendum.

The Conservative government has made regular use of the Tory-leaning hereditary peers over the past 14 years when it has looked in danger of losing votes, notably over the abolition of the GLC in 1984 and the poll tax in 1988. However, its appeals to party loyalty over the Maastricht treaty may fall on deaf ears. Its job will be further complicated by Liberal Democrat peers' support for a referendum on the treaty.

The Campaign for a British Referendum plans to contact all 700 or so hereditary peers to persuade them that by voting for a referendum they are defending the traditions of British democracy threatened by the bill. A series of dinners has been planned at the palaces, castles and manor houses of target peers at which discreet delegations of anti-Maastrichteers including tame constitutional lawyers will attempt to persuade backwoodsmen to ignore the party whip.

Initial soundings taken by *The Times* suggest that the government does have a tough whipping job on its hands even among Tory peers who have not yet been contacted by the antis.

The Earl of Bradford, who is a personal friend of Bill Cash, the Tory MP for Stafford, said he was "absolutely pro-Europe" but would vote for a referendum amendment because the public had not been offered a choice on such a vital issue at the general election. He opposed the government use of backwoodsmen to vote down such an amendment because the tactic "does more to discredit the House of Lords than anything else".

Lord Burnham, a self-confessed backswoodsman who failed to vote at all in the last session of the Lords, said he would "more than likely" turn up to vote against the government on the referendum amendment because the British people needed to be given a chance to express their views on the treaty.

Andrew Hicks, an organiser of the referendum campaign, said: "The backwoodsmen think of themselves as ordinary people. So they try to reflect grassroots opinion to a much greater extent than Conservative MPs with the exception of the few brave souls who have put their heads above the parapet."

Early contacts with peers had been "very encouraging," Mr Hicks said. He added that he believed the campaign had "a very good chance of winning" the referendum vote.

The Maastricht bill is not expected to arrive in the Lords before June and the timing of the vote on the referendum amendment could have a crucial bearing on its outcome. If the vote takes place well into the summer, many backwoodsmen may have left Britain for their holidays, leaving government whips with a far less complicated whipping job. On the other hand, if the Lords debate on the bill drags on into the autumn before the vote takes place, more peers may feel inclined to support a national poll, according to Lord Boyd-Carpenter.

It has not yet been decided who will table the amendment, but likely candidates are Lord Blake, the pro-Maastricht, pro-referendum Tory historian, Lord Stoddart, the anti-Maastricht former Labour whip, Lord Pearson or Lord Tebbit.

Ironically, Britain's unelected legislators will be appealed to as defenders of democracy at a time when the anti-Maastricht camp believes the House of Commons has failed to represent the will of the British people. And if a referendum does take place as a result of a government defeat in the Lords, the peers themselves, will be unable to vote.



Bradford: public not offered a choice



Tebbit: leading the opposition to treaty

# Plebiscite campaign seeks new tactics

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

CAMPAIGNERS for a Maastricht referendum are set to change their tactics by delaying the date when their national petition is delivered to the Commons.

The campaign, which published pro-referendum petitions in national newspapers, including *The Times*, had planned to present petitions to Parliament before MPs debate the issue. Organisers are now discussing delaying the date, possibly by a month, accepting privately that there is little prospect of MPs voting for a referendum. They now view the Lords debate on the referendum this summer as offering better prospects.

Campaign leaders yesterday rejected suggestions that any delay would be the result of insufficient public response. However, any postponement will be cited by opponents of a referendum as indicating that support has failed to meet campaigners' expectations.

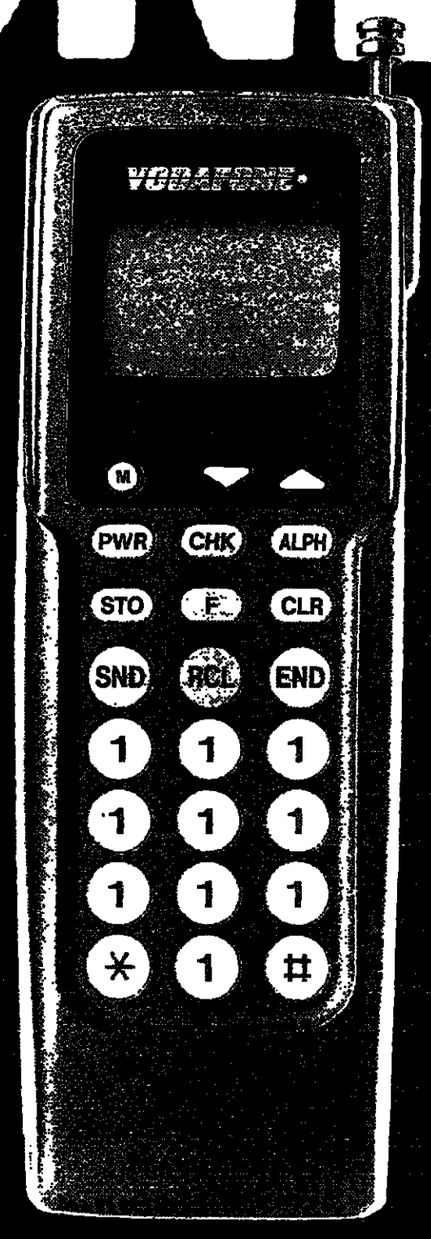
Ashley Gray, campaign manager of the Maastricht Referendum Campaign, described the response as "colossal and growing" and said that a decision would be made within days on when to present the petition. He insisted that the Commons referendum debate was seen as only one step in the process of harnessing public support for a plebiscite.

The campaign refuses to reveal the size of the public response to an appeal which initially called for petitions to be returned by April 2. Since launching the petition last month, the government has speeded up the pace of parliamentary debate on Maastricht, with two late-night sittings before the Easter recess. This has created the possibility of debate on a referendum as early as next week, rather than next month as initially appeared likely.

The campaigners, who include Baroness Thatcher and Lord Tebbit, aim to bolster public support today by launching *Let the People Speak*, a pamphlet extolling the merits of a referendum.

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# Conciliatory moves put Hong Kong talks back on track

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING AND JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

**■ Britain and China have broken the diplomatic deadlock and announced new talks on the future on Hong Kong. In the meantime Chris Patten's reforms are on hold**

THE announcement by Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, that talks on the political future of the colony will begin in the Chinese capital next week suggests that both sides have made substantial concessions to get even as far as the negotiating table.

Attempts to agree on a formula for talks foundered last month when Britain insisted that there must be full Hong Kong representation at the talks and China refused. It was announced that the talks would be between "the government representatives of the two countries", named as Sir Robin McLaren, the British ambassador to Peking and Jiang Enzhu, China's deputy minister of foreign affairs.

A British official in Peking said that Hong Kong officials would be present "to provide support to the ambassador". Those officials will be Michael Sze, the secretary for constitutional affairs; William Ehrman, the political adviser; Peter Lai, his deputy, and Peter Ricketts, the head of the Hong Kong department of the Foreign Office.

The announcement led to new hope that Hong Kong would return to Chinese control in 1997 without huge political upheaval. Mr Patten has already published his electoral reform proposals, and there had been speculation that they would be put before the legislature for debate later this month. Now that talks are on the agenda, Mr Patten will hold back the reform package.

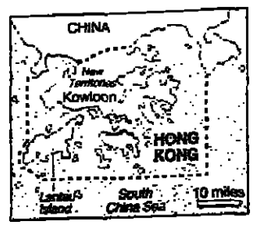
Peking has condemned the proposals which, if they became law, would mean that a majority of the seats in the legislature will be democratically elected in 1995. The talks which start a week tomorrow, are expected to produce compromise proposals that will then be put before the legislature. Mr Patten still hopes to put legislation concerning the 1994-5 elections — whatever form it takes — before the legislature before July.

"Mr Patten is to some extent limited by what the people of Hong Kong will take," one analyst said. "If China's tactics work, and if the people of Hong Kong are sufficiently scared, and if the Legislative Council is sufficiently scared, and passes a watered down version, the governor cannot go any further."

Talks must get under way quickly to allow Hong Kong legislators to debate and, if necessary, amend the proposals before the end of the present legislative session if they are to be in place for the 1994 and 1995 elections. However, Hong Kong officials yesterday refused to give a deadline for tabling the proposals.

Martin Lee, chairman of the United Democrats, said: "We would like the bill introduced [to the Legislative Council] on April 21. We hold to the belief that the two things can be done concurrently."

Although Sir David Ford, the colonial chief secretary, reassured the Chinese the government had no intention of tabling the proposals so quickly, analysts in Hong Kong questioned whether an early solution to the impasse was possible. Both sides appear to have made concessions. China has accepted that the status of the Hong Kong officials should be left vague. Britain in return has accepted that only the team leaders should be named in the joint statement, although British sources claimed this arrangement was what they thought had been agreed before China




toughened its stance last month, prompting Mr Patten to gazette the bill.

Mr Lee, a firm supporter of Mr Patten's proposals, dismissed the agreement not to specify the status of Hong Kong officials as a "very minor concession". He said: "It shows us kowtowing is not the way. I hope the British government will continue to stand on principle."

Mr Patten returned to Hong Kong on Friday and will be expected to explain the latest position to the Legislative Council and make a series of public appearances. He can expect firm support for talks with China, but less wholehearted backing for his determination to push ahead with electoral reform. Local opinion has consistently supported talks between Britain and China and the business community has led the call for Mr Patten to withdraw his proposals and make peace with Peking.

However, there is still a general desire for greater democracy, provided it does not cause further trouble with China. Among the younger and more educated there remains a firm bedrock of support for Mr Patten's reforms. A poll at the weekend showed 36 per cent still wanted his plans implemented without change. Another poll, published in the *South China Morning Post*, also showed 25 per cent support for the British position, while 19 per cent thought China was right to argue that Mr Patten's proposals breached all previous agreements between London and Peking.

However, an increasingly large majority, frightened by a barrage of Chinese threats against local economic and political targets and personal insults against Mr Patten, are now admitting they are unsure what stance to take. However, Mr Patten's personal popularity has shown remarkable resilience. Consistently scoring an approval rating of over 60 per cent, he remains the colony's most popular political figure.

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# Police say Hani's assassin may not have acted alone

BY MICHAEL HAMLYN IN BOKSBURG AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A HUGE police contingent surrounded the magistrate's court in this town 25 miles from Johannesburg early yesterday as Janusz Walus, the accused assassin of Chris Hani, general secretary of the South African Communist Party, appeared briefly.

The authorities outmanoeuvred would-be demonstrators, who planned to arrive an hour before the hearing, by keeping Mr Walus in cells at the building overnight. By the time about 1,000 demonstrators assembled he had been remanded in custody until May 12 and whisked away.

During the hearing, Mr Walus clenched and unclenched his jaw from time to time. He wore a rumpled brown check suit and clasped his hands in front of him. The only time he spoke was to reply indistinctly "Yes, Mr Magistrate" or "Yes, Your Magistrate", when asked if he had understood the proceedings.

He was not asked to plead. The prosecution said later that a murder charge would be laid. Brigadier Frans Malherbe, the police press spokesman, said: "We are very strongly looking at the possibility that other people were involved. The investigation is still in progress." He said that Mr Walus has refused to answer any questions.

The picture beginning to emerge of Mr Walus is of a solitary, taciturn man with a strong sense of embitterment. Acquaintances said he was slow-witted and unlikely to have acted alone in planning anything requiring enterprise or guile. He arrived in South Africa from Poland 11 years ago and is believed to have become a naturalised citizen five years ago.

At the ceramics firm where he worked as a salesman he was known by his Polish nickname "Koba". Peter Jackson, the managing director, said: "He was a loner and I never saw him with friends but at work he was cheerful enough and willing, and he had a good relationship with his fellow workers both black and white."

Tadeusz Walus, his father, said he left the Polish city of



Walus: loner with a sense of grievance

Radom in 1981 after his family's attempts to start a glass factory failed. Mr Walus said he knew nothing of his son's political views. He suggested that his son was the victim of unspecified "political provocation".

The teams of observers and peace monitors sent to South Africa by the Commonwealth, the United Nations and the European Community are negotiating with the authorities over participation in the investigation. This has been urged by the African National Congress, and they seem likely to be invited by the government to do so.

Further protests over Hani's death are expected to bring the country to a halt this morning as the ANC has called for a general strike to allow followers to attend memorial services. The ANC has urged that calm and discipline should prevail, but there are widespread fears that mass protests could lead to retaliation against whites.

In Mpumalanga township in strife-torn Natal, a joint memorial service has been organised between the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party, who are normally deadly enemies.

Around 23,000 police and defence force troops will be deployed across the country to keep watch on the mass meetings and memorial services, General Johan van der Merwe, the police commissioner, said in Pretoria. He said there had been consultations with ANC representatives and his impression was that ANC leaders were determined there should be no violence. But he said police believed that radical elements on all sides planned to use the the assassination to foment further violence.

More violent incidents were reported again yesterday in the Cape province. Stones were thrown at cars just outside Cape Town.



Armed protest: a man is led away after waving a gun outside the court where Hani's alleged killer appeared

# Suburb where black leader died symbolises the new South Africa

BY MICHAEL HAMLYN, SOUTHERN AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

BESSIE Pearman was agog at the crowds of demonstrators, the banners, the international television teams and the squads of heavily armed police swarming past her front door.

Mrs Pearman, 55, moved into Dawn Park, a rural suburb of this town on the eastern Witwatersrand, eight years ago. When she and her husband arrived it was an all-white community. Now it has become famous as the place where Chris Hani, the black Communist leader, was shot to death in his drive.

In its way, Dawn Park is a symbol of the new South Africa. What was a purely white community became mixed: white and black (and Coloured and Indian) lived happily side-by-side.

Tokyo Sexwale, the regional chairman of the African National Congress, summed it up dramatically yesterday. He also lives in the suburb, about 300 yards from where Hani was killed, and was his close friend.

Addressing an angry crowd in the centre of Boksburg, he said that "in as much as it is the hand of a white male in South Africa that slaughtered Chris", it was "the eye of a white woman" that led to the arrest of the alleged murderer. Mr Sexwale was loudly cheered.

The white witness was Retha Harmse, 36, a near neighbour of Hani, who saw the killing and reversed her car towards the spot, neglecting to consider her own safety, so that she could see the killer's car numberplate. She rushed back to her own house, chanting the number out loud so as not to forget it, and called the police. Within minutes the car was stopped and the man now accused of the killing was arrested.

Philip Muller, 41, another white resident, said: "We have no trouble with our neighbours. They're both black. One is a traffic cop, the other I don't know. They are decent people. But it's the other blacks who come in from Vosloorus [a huge black township nearby], the people who are not working, that are the problem. For the past month this place has been burglary after burglary. We are not going to stay. We're going."

Boksburg itself has been something of a byword for racial intolerance. In 1987 the citizens elected, by a landslide, an extreme right-wing Conservative party council. One of the council's earliest actions was to start reimposing petty apartheid, restricting access to parks, tennis clubs, swimming pools and other council facilities. They put a fence around the famous lake in the centre of town, after which its only occupants were a pair of black swans.

Now, however, the petty apartheid has been eased. The gates of the parks were forced open by legal action, the Conservative council has had its majority whittled away and now governs at the head of a coalition. A new shopping mall has been opened in the north of the town.

And two years ago the first blacks moved into Dawn Park. "No, it was not a surprise," Mrs Pearman said. "There was always a chance that this was going to be a grey area. Those people that didn't like it could get out." Which is what some of them did.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Israeli military retaliates for ambush

**Jerusalem:** Israeli artillery and aircraft pounded Shia Muslim villages in southern Lebanon yesterday, after Hezbollah gunmen killed three Israeli soldiers and wounded two in an ambush (Richard Beeston writes).

The attack occurred on the road between Qantara and Taibeh, inside Israel's self-declared security zone. A remote-control charge was detonated as an Israeli military vehicle was passing.

Israeli troops launched fierce retaliation against villages suspected of harbouring members of the pro-Iranian Islamic militant movement. A witness said Hezbollah gunners responded by firing seven rockets towards Israel.

### Aid for Russia

**Tokyo:** The Japanese government will begin today's Group of Seven meeting by announcing bilateral aid for Moscow worth £1.2 billion. It is expected to be based on a programme of trade insurance, plus technical aid for new companies.

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### Lawyer jailed

**Los Angeles:** Marvin Mitchelson, once the most sought-after divorce lawyer in Hollywood, who invented "palimony", has been sentenced to 30 months in jail for tax evasion and ordered to pay £1.41 million in restitution.

### Hanoi rebuttal

**Washington:** Hanoi denied that it had captured at least 600 more US servicemen during the Vietnam war than it freed, in response to a newly discovered report made by a North Vietnamese general, which is in Russian archives.

### Rebels depart

**Phnom Penh:** The Khmer Rouge left their compound here saying in a note to Prince Norodom Sihanouk that they no longer felt safe enough to continue working in Cambodia's Supreme National Council. *(AFP)*

### Angola hope

**Abidjan:** The Angolan government and Unita rebels began peace talks in Ivory Coast and both called for a halt in fighting, the top item on a nine-point agenda. The discussions were "very positive, excellent", a United Nations spokesman said. *(Reuter)*

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# Fearful Los Angeles pins hopes on the quiet man

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN LOS ANGELES

IN THE minds of many Los Angeles residents, the pre-eminent villain to emerge from the riots that followed the first Rodney King trial last year was Daryl Gates, the former police chief, who was sipping cocktails when the city burst into flames. If a hero is to emerge from the second, federal trial of the four accused officers, it will be Willie Williams, Mr Gates's successor and a man of a wholly different stamp.

Mr Gates was ousted in the aftermath of last April's riots and Mr Williams was brought in amid a welter of self-recrimination to reform the Los Angeles Police Deprtment and to help to rebuild the city's shattered self-esteem.

The two men are a study in contrasts. Mr Gates was a loud-mouthed, old-fashioned cop, deeply immersed in City Hall politics and uncompromising in his support of the four men accused of beating the black motorist Rodney King. Mr Williams, on the other hand, is of a newer breed of American policeman: careful, concerned, an apparently apolitical outsider with a deft public relations touch.




Mural master: a spray artist putting a peace message on a Los Angeles home

Mr Williams, a 28-year veteran of the Philadelphia force, is also black — a crucial fact for a police force hitherto headed exclusively by white men from the Los Angeles suburbs. In the past few days, as a second verdict approaches and the city's nerves have stretched to near breaking point, Mr Williams has played a role closer to that of a psychological counsellor than a police chief as he has sought to head off another riot. A slow-speaking, broad-shouldered figure, he has appeared almost continually on local television to calm the city's fears and to urge peace.

Yesterday the jury in the federal trial of the four police officers began a fourth day of deliberations as rumours swirled around the city of an impending verdict. In the middle of the near-panic, Mr Williams has trodden a fine line between reassuring citizens that there will not be another riot and persuading potential rioters that if they do take to the streets, their life expectancy will be limited.

In the eight months since Mr Williams was appointed to the job his prestige has soared and, as he knows only too well, if Los Angeles avoids another conflagration any jewel in the city's political crown is his for the asking.

Mr Williams probably cannot lose whatever the outcome of the trial: if there is another riot, he almost certainly has sufficient forces to extinguish it. If there is no repetition of last April's arson and destruction, then the credit will be his.

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# Moscow's reforms yield little down on the farm

REFERENDUM RUSSIA

*Michael Binyon, a former Moscow Correspondent, starts his train ride through the Russian heartland to test grass-roots opinion in the run-up to the April 25 referendum on President Yeltsin's powers. First stop: KURSK*





Collective effort: a Frunze farm worker picks up hay fallen from a hay-mowing tractor, and farmhand Viktor Avdeyev returning home after a hard day's work. Sugar beet and wheat flourish in the rich black soil, scene of a massive tank battle in 1943 Pictures: Chris Harris

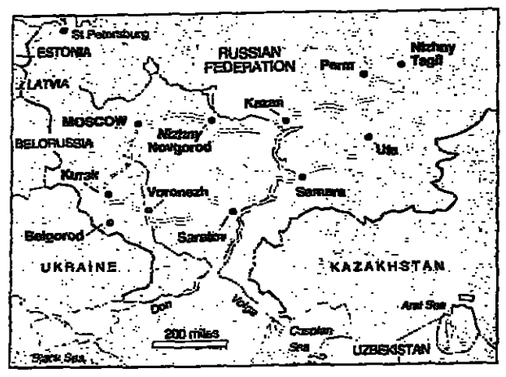
BUMPING in a Jeep across the rich black earth where, 50 years ago, German and Soviet forces fought the greatest tank battle the world had ever seen, Vasili Gridchin said: "No one wants to leave this farm and set up on his own."

The Frunze collective farm, in the middle of the vast area where the battle of Kursk was fought from July 5 to August 5, 1943, is one of the most productive of the region: sugar beet, wheat and sunflowers give bountiful harvest, the livestock produces milk and meat in abundance. The 700 inhabitants live in neat, modern bungalows. In his back garden Mr Gridchin tends a dozen hives of about 100,000 bees that yield a thick, creamy honey.

Yet the farm, like all rural Russia, is suffering. Inflation has robbed it of any spare cash to buy equipment or profit from its productivity. The government fixes prices at a yearly negotiation, when it sets the produce targets and promises in return fertiliser, cheap energy and credit. The prices paid by the state do not go up. But a lorry which last year cost 300,000 roubles, now costs 3.5 million roubles. Tractors cost well over one million roubles, and spare parts, though more readily available, have become prohibitive.

"We have nothing left over for ourselves," said Mr Gridchin. "We cannot sell our output elsewhere: there are plenty of farms nearer the big towns, and only the state can supply the transport to take our goods to Moscow."

The 250 farm workers are afraid to start out on their own in such conditions. "When Stolypin — the pre-revolutionary Russian prime minister — put through his reforms, he gave the peasants not only land, but equipment and credit to get them going. Now they are offering us only land. Who can pay for agricultural machinery?"




Mr Gridchin, a college-trained farmer and former Communist in his forties, has an interest in sticking to the old ways, which served him well during 11 years as collective farm director. "People support the idea of reform, but only one that works — not reform by academics that only works on paper."

Of the 129 farmers who have set up on their own in the region, he said, only 10 per cent are local people: the rest are outsiders who depend on "mafia" connections for their capital. Mr Gridchin did not mention that often the collective farms, now officially known as associations of free farmers, do all they can to hinder competition and give away only their poorest land and worn-out equipment.

Not much labour is needed to make things grow here. The soil, local people said, is like butter; so rich, indeed, that the Germans literally stole it, transporting thousands of tonnes back to Germany by train.

There are few scars left of the battle of Kursk; occasionally metal is still excavated and the old trenches from strategic lookout posts on the hilltop remain visible, overgrown and muddy. The battlefield's memorial, 70 miles south of Kursk, is being tidied up for the 50th anniversary. The eternal flame in front of the huge monument has been extinguished while the cracked marble slabs around it are replaced.

Women in scarves and boots were scraping and raking the winter's debris. The museum, filled with flags, trophies and photographs of grim-faced generals dripping with medals, was under renovation. On May 9 — victory day — and on August 5, when the Soviet forces broke through the German lines, solemn ceremonies will commemorate the most decisive victory after Stalingrad. Germans will be there, as well as Soviet veterans and representatives of the Allies.

The countryside has reverted to the deep provincial backwaters. A few townspeople come out to their summer dachas, getting ready to sow this year's crop of potatoes. Most find the mud-caked and pot-holed road difficult to negotiate. "Gogol said Russia's scourges are fools and rogues. Little has changed," said Valentin Dobrovich, an English lecturer in Belgorod who has a summer house in Prokhorovka, a village at the centre of the German onslaught.

Life here seems eternal and unchanging. The farmers wait to see what the referendum later this month on President Yeltsin's reforms will bring. Few expect much from it. "What we need to do now is get the animals out and the planting finished," one said.

# UN envoy says Serbs should burn in hell for Srebrenica raid

BY TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

ANGRY United Nations officials yesterday condemned Bosnian Serb leaders after 56 people, including 15 children, died during an artillery attack on the besieged Muslim town of Srebrenica on Monday.

Larry Hollingworth, of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), said: "I hope that the military commander who ordered the firing on Srebrenica burns in the hottest corner of hell."

His harsh attack was made on the same day that Sadaka Ogata, one of his UNHCR colleagues, told European Community officials that food aid stocks for former Yugoslavia had dwindled to critical levels.

Last night the UN was evacuating 800 civilians from the town in 11 lorries. The vehicles, two of which were crammed with injured people, were covered because six women were wounded during the last UN evacuation after they were stoned by Serbs.

General Milan Gvero, a Bosnian Serb military leader, claimed yesterday that there had been no Serb attack on Srebrenica and that the Muslims had simulated an artillery attack on the town. "The Muslims' intention is to focus world media attention on Srebrenica and present it to the world as a place under threat by the Serbs."

General Gvero's comments did not convince UN officials who were clearly horrified by their observers' reports. They said that many of the deaths were among children because shells had hit an area where they had been playing football.

Mr Hollingworth said: "The soldiers who loaded the weapons and fired the shells, I hope they have nightmares for evermore. I hope their sleep is punctuated by the screams of the children and by the cries of the mothers."

He said that as the Serbs took village after village in their advance on Srebrenica, more and more people were forced into the besieged town "where they have a choice, either be transported like cattle [by the UN] or slaughtered like sheep."

Mrs Ogata wrote to EC foreign ministers yesterday urging them to keep food aid flowing in the face of "a desperate and unacceptable position". Over the past year the EC has provided between 80 and 90 per cent of the food required for former Yugoslavia.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said in an interview with BBC Radio 4, that the government was urging the Community to make available as quickly as possible food already in the pipeline for Bosnia and he said it was willing to make additional contributions. Judith Kumin, the head of UNHCR in Belgrade, said yesterday: "We have been warning for months that the pipeline is drying up. Everyone listens sagely and now no one should be surprised."

The media in Serbia played down reports of the situation in Srebrenica but the Tanjug news agency in Belgrade reported that the Srebrenica Muslims had pushed the front line forward several kilometres in the past two days before being driven back. It claimed that this had happened near the town of Skelani and that 31 Serb soldiers had died and 24 had been wounded. The Tanjug report said 12 of the wounded soldiers were not taken prisoner but were "stabbed with pitchforks and finished off with mallets and axes". There was no independent confirmation of Tanjug's report.

General Lars-Erik Wahlgren, the head of the UN operation in former Yugoslavia, has written to Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, saying: "This is a disastrous development for a situation rapidly deteriorating despite promises that a political solution will be pursued."

General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military leader, told General Wahlgren during the weekend that the only political solution he foresaw for Srebrenica was surrender.

The fighting in Srebrenica came as Nato jets patrolled above as they began to enforce the UN's "no-fly zone" in Bosnia. Slobodan Jarcevic, the foreign minister of the self-proclaimed Republic of Serbian Krajina, said yesterday that the Nato jets were "violating Krajina's airspace" and that Croatian jets were taking advantage of this to fly over Krajina, which was carved out of Croatia, too. Mr Jarcevic demanded that Nato establish a link to the Krajina government to avoid "misunderstandings".

Vitali Churkin, Russia's special envoy to former Yugoslavia was expected in Belgrade last night for talks and Reginald Bartholemew, his American counterpart, is due today.

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Chapter of destruction: Dusko Toholj, of Sarajevo's national library, examining the ruins where two million volumes perished in fire and shelling last year

# Humiliated Azerbaijan loses heart for the fight

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN GYANDZHA, AZERBAIJAN, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

HUGE slogans on boards along the roads mock tens of thousands of Azerbaijani refugees huddled in public buildings round the country's second city of Gyandzha where they have been driven by the latest Armenian offensive.

The hoardings proclaim "Nagorno-Karabakh Will Always Be Azerbaijani" and "Defend The Motherland to the Last Drop of Your Blood". Under the policy of Azerbaijan's Popular Front government of drawing closer to Turkey, the slogans are printed in the Latin script used by Turkey, not in the Pyrrhic Turkic script used in Azerbaijan under Soviet rule. As a result, few people can even understand them.

Today the United Nations begins an airlift of blankets and temporary shelters to the 50,000 refugess who have fled in the recent offensive. The first of eight consecutive daily flights from Adana, Turkey, is scheduled to arrive in Baku, Azerbaijan.

President Elchibey has proclaimed a state of emergency, partly no doubt to ward off any political threat. However, no party appears anxious to be seen to exploit a national disaster, and there may also be widespread unwillingness to take responsibility for future defeats.

President Ozal of Turkey yesterday branded Armenia as the aggressor. Speaking in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, he called for an Armenian withdrawal from the captured territories. Without Turkish help, however, chances of military victory in the war over Nagorno-Karabakh look slim. Armenia now holds the entire mountain range in which the Nagorno-Karabakh enclave is situated.

This means the Azerbaijanis will have to attack uphill from the plains. The costs of doing this, in the face of a better armed, better led, better trained and better motivated enemy were made brutally clear during the offensive of last autumn and winter. These took small amounts of territory at the price of thousands of Azerbaijani casualties and Western observers estimate their total losses may be as high as 10,000. The result has been mass desertion and an increasing unwillingness of youths to go to the front.

Armenia can call on Russian arms and the financial resources of its diaspora. Refugees from the region of Kelbadzhar, which fell to the Armenians ten days ago, all say, not for the first time, that Russian troops were involved on the Armenian side. There are certainly Russian mercenaries fighting for Armenia and a smaller number on the Azerbaijani side.

Some refugees from the Kelbadzhar region also claim to have witnessed atrocities by Armenian troops. Mariam Karayeva, from the village of Almalakh, claimed to have seen one group of Azerbaijani refugees captured by Armenian forces. According to her account, a baby was taken from its mother and thrown into a ravine and young women were separated from the rest and taken away by helicopter.

One thing is certain: the Kelbadzhar region was attacked from Armenia itself, to the west, as well as from Nagorno-Karabakh to the east. The Armenian government continues to claim that only "Karabakh defence forces" are involved in the fighting, but few Western observers attach any credence to this claim.

The Armenians appear to have left open a corridor for the refugees to escape from Kelbazhar, possibly fearing a repetition of the adverse international response which followed the mass killing of civilians after the fall of the town of Hojali last year. However, between 5,000 and 15,000 Azerbaijani civilians remain behind Armenian lines, their fate unknown.




Azerbaijan's best hope of reversing this national humiliation is that the Armenians will overplay their hand and provoke a Turkish military intervention against them. President Ozal has already suggested that Turkey should "show its teeth", though this appears to be opposed by most of his ministers.

Intervention could follow if the Armenians capture the area of Fizuli, to the south of Nagorno-Karabakh, and set off another wave of refugees. If the Armenians are wise, they will be content with the territories they have already captured.

# Morillon withdrawn for keeping too high a profile

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT AND JOEL BRAND IN SPLIT

EVERY time they saw the lean frame and chiselled features of General Philippe Morillon, commander of the United Nations forces in Bosnia, on television, vowing to save Srebrenica from the advancing Serbs, his superiors, by all accounts, renewed their search for someone to replace him. His bosses in the defence ministry in Paris had expected him to adopt a low profile, leaving the gestures and statements to politicians and service chiefs.

During the Gulf war, French commanders acting under a UN mandate were under similar orders. The field commander was supposed to defer to his superiors at the defence ministry — and he was certainly expected never to speak out of turn.



Morillon: made clear he wanted to stay on

Bosnia, however, is no ordinary command. General Morillon discovered soon after taking over from Major General Lewis Mackenzie, a Canadian, that his job was part-military and part-political. The distribution of aid to victims of the war is impossible without daily negotiation with those responsible for waging the war.

General Morillon, 57, not only took on the warlords but set himself up as the champion of the civilian population, first in Sarajevo and then, in more pronounced fashion, in the Muslim enclave of Srebrenica in eastern Bosnia. The Srebrenica drama, in which he confronted the Serbs, confirmed his reputation as a courageous commander. According to sources in Paris, however, the higher echelons at the defence ministry were not amused.

In Bosnia, the recall of the Moroccan-born Frenchman is being seen as his punishment for his assertive attitude towards rebel Serbs over Srebrenica. François Léotard, the French defence minister, yesterday denied this.

Much of what the UN has been able to do for the desperate people of Srebrenica over the past five weeks has been thanks to the personal initiative of General Morillon. There are grave fears that his removal will hamper efforts to save the Muslims trapped in the last remaining pockets in eastern Bosnia.

In New York, the UN has strongly condemned the actions of the rebel Serbs. On the ground in Bosnia, however, the operating policy has been to try to share the blame equally among all the parties to the fighting.

Until five weeks ago, when he witnessed at first hand the horrific ordeal of the people of Srebrenica, General Morillon was a chief advocate of the "hands-off" UN policy, acting to help Bosnian Muslims only when rebel Serbs gave their approval. Srebrenica was the turning-point when he found he could no longer remain neutral in the conflict.

The withdrawal of General Morillon from Bosnia and the arrival on the scene of a new French government and a new defence minister appear to be coincidental. The question of replacing him had already been raised by the hierarchy at the defence ministry when Pierre Joxe was the minister in the previous administration.

M Léotard made clear that he would ask General Morillon's successor to take similar initiatives in Bosnia to show that France and the international community did not accept the Serb policy of "ethnic cleansing".

General Morillon himself made clear in a weekend television interview that he was keen to stay on. There are some, however, who say that six months is in any event long enough to be in such a demanding job, particularly when the Serbs have it within their power to humiliate UN commanders whenever they so choose.

General Morillon's greatest humiliation was to be prevented from returning to Srebrenica and then lifted to safety by a Serbian military helicopter — flying in breach of the UN no-fly zone over Bosnia — when he was surrounded by a crowd of angry crowd of Serb women.

General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military commander, recently said that General Morillon's life had been threatened. This was being suggested as another reason for the commander's withdrawal from Bosnia.

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## The Socialist party may find the country's discontented voters following the French example

# Spanish right wing tries to shrug off Franco heritage

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN MADRID

IF THE idea is to lay the lingering ghosts of dictatorship, José María Aznar, Spain's mild-mannered conservative leader, certainly looked the part yesterday as he launched a campaign that could see the first return to right-wing government since the days of Franco.

Slight, moustachioed, thin-voiced and just 40 years old, the leader of the Popular Party looks so unassuming and removed from the sinister *caudillos* (dictators) of history that his hardest task will be projecting a forceful enough image as a potential prime minister. He must look like a plausible alternative to Felipe González, 51, the man who embodies the emergence of modern Spain, but he is not helped by a resemblance to the young Charlie Chaplin, a likeness that causes opponents to mock him as *El Chaplinito*.

The former tax inspector, who took over the Popular Party in 1989, has seven weeks to build on healthy opinion polls and convince Spain that the right is sufficiently reformed to be trusted to take over from the Socialist Workers' (PSOE) party of Señor González. If he succeeds, he could head a coalition that would include nationalist conservative parties from the provinces.

Señor González called the early poll last Monday from a position of weakness. After Spain's miraculous growth in the 1980s and year of wonders in 1992, the morning after has come with a harder crunch than in France, which just ejected a similarly "conservative" and long-serving Socialist government.

Spain only emerged from right-wing dictatorship in 1975 and the country places great premium on the stability achieved under the Socialists since they replaced the centrist coalitions of the late 1970s. The PSOE, although tainted by scandal, is making the most of its image of legitimacy by depicting the PP as a blast from a fascist past.

Señor González played hard on fears for Spain's young democracy on Monday when he blamed the Popular Party for forcing him to call an early poll by creating a climate of tension. He also drew on the French parallel, saying Señor Aznar should learn from the French conservatives that national interest was not the "sum of personal interests".

Although almost half of Spain's 40 million population has no first-hand memory of the Franco era, Señor González is aware that behind the modern image of the Popular Party lurks the presence of an older group of *franquistas*, notably Manuel Fraga Iribarne, the founder. Señor Fraga, who served as Franco's information minister, now heads the Galicia region, but he is still depicted by cartoonists as the puppet master controlling the party leadership. Always on the defensive against the memories of times past, Señor Aznar said yesterday that "the temptation of *caudillismo*" — Spanish-style *dictatorship* — had no place in Spain today.

Presenting himself in reformist language identical to the one used by the victorious French conservatives, Señor Aznar said his party would attack unemployment, corruption, crime and terrorism and clean up the deficits bequeathed by lax Socialist housekeeping. The party's problem, like that of the French Socialists, is presenting an economic programme that differs significantly from the conservative policies adopted by the ostensibly left-wing government of the past decade.

In the past six months, the country has realised that it is not nearly as close as it had been led to believe to "convergence" with the richer countries of the European Community. Recession set in late last year and unemployment has continued to rise inexorably towards the 20 per cent mark. Señor Aznar is committed to stimulating the economy but also to following the rigorous monetary policies required for adherence to the European monetary system.

Señor González set the tone in a personal attack on his opponent, who is the third relatively colourless leader of the PP since Señor Fraga.

"Since I have been secretary-general I have seen various PP leaders come and go," the prime minister said. "I will watch Aznar pass by as well."



Central role: José María Aznar, the PP leader, with his wife Ana, left, and Soledad Becerril, a Senate candidate

NEWS IN BRIEF

## Briton is accused of whirlpool bath killing

**New York:** A British academic who moved to the United States goes on trial today at Delaware County Court, Pennsylvania, accused of murdering his wife by drowning her in their whirlpool bath (James Bone writes).

Charles Bagley, 47, from Crayford, Kent, claims his Indian-born wife, Yvonne, was electrocuted when a live soldering iron he had been using for home improvements fell accidentally into the bath on Easter day four years ago. But when he took her body to hospital, doctors removing her organs for donation noticed bruises and called the police.

Mr Bagley, who taught economics at Temple University, left for England with his two young daughters three months after his wife's death. He returned to the United States in November 1989, intent on clearing his name, and has since been free on $150,000 (£100,000) bail. If convicted at the non-jury trial, Mr Bagley faces life imprisonment. Prosecutors have said they will not seek the death penalty.

### Bomber let free

**Seoul:** Kim Hyun Hui, sentenced to death for the 1987 bombing of a South Korean plane, will soon be freed from protective custody. A former North Korean citizen, she was given amnesty and South Korean citizenship in 1990 to protect her from possible assassination attempts. *(AP)*

### Satellite caught

**Cape Canaveral:** After a day-long chase, astronauts on the American space shuttle Discovery retrieved a satellite, known as Spartan, released about 50 hours before to study the Sun and solar wind. At one point, the shuttle trailed by 200 miles. *(Reuter)*

### Multiple crash

**Berlin:** About 70 vehicles crashed into each other in fog on a motorway near Günzburg, between Munich and Stuttgart. Police reported that 36 people were hurt, six of them critically, and blamed motorists for driving too fast. *(AP)*

### Pure blooded

**Peking:** Health officials plan to shut down illegal blood banks that deal in tainted and watered-down blood. Hepatitis and other diseases have been traced to unlicensed banks that use "professional donors" who make a living by selling their blood. *(AP)*

### Crew drowned

**Gijón, Spain:** At least 12 people died and 28 others were missing, feared dead, after *Vishva Mohini*, an Indian cargo ship, sank in icy seas off the north coast of Spain. Sixteen people were rescued by helicopter, but one died in hospital. *(Reuter)*

### Toned down

**Sydney:** Researchers at Flinders University in South Australia have found women's voices have become deeper over the past 50 years, reflecting their changing role in society — a lower voice was now associated with maturity and authority in women. *(Reuter)*



Andreotti: said to have met godfather

## Andreotti demands proof of Mafia link

BY JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

GIULIO Andreotti, 74, speaking to *La Stampa*, yesterday denied allegations by supergrasses that he had colluded with the Mafia, and challenged magistrates to produce any hard evidence to back their charges against him. At the same time the Senate arranged to examine today a request to waive the former Christian Democrat prime minister's immunity from prosecution.

"Somebody will have to prove the terrible accusations that are being dumped on me," Signor Andreotti told the newspaper. "I say 'bring me one proof, one only, of a connection of mine with the Mafia ...'"

The Senate committee examining his immunity yesterday received new testimony against him. This was said to have been given in America to Giancarlo Caselli, the Palermo magistrate, by two Mafia supergrasses, Tommaso Buscetta and Francesco Marino Mannoia.

Signor Buscetta was said to have identified Signor Andreotti as "the politician to whom the Mafia referred before deciding any top-level assassinations". In his interview with *La Stampa*, Signor Andreotti described this as "absurd, completely absurd".

Signor Andreotti also poured scorn on Signor Mannoia's reported claim that he had had a face-to-face meeting with Stefano Bontade, the Mafia's then godfather, when he was prime minister in 1979. "When I go to Sicily I am protected by two security systems — one police and one carabinieri ... I could not even embrace an old school friend on my own."

Vito Bonsignore, a deputy minister under investigation in Italy's political corruption scandal, will resign his post in the finance ministry next Monday, his spokesman said yesterday.

☐ **Seventh suicide:** Valterio Cirillo, 43, a town councillor, threw himself to his death from the roof of the block of flats in which he lived in the Adriatic coastal town of Pescara on Monday after being questioned about a public works contract. He was the seventh suicide related to enquiries about Italy's corruption scandal. *(Reuter)*


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# How our Betty pulled it off

**Matthew Parris** celebrates the first year in the Chair of a very special Speaker

CHRIS HARRIS



Her smile is gracious but her tongue is sharp: Betty Boothroyd has learnt rapidly how to control an essentially male mob without the use of force

"May it please your Majesty, I have neither eyes to see, nor tongue to speak in this place, but as the House is pleased to direct me, whose servant I am here ...". Speaker Lenthall's reply to Charles I has entered legend. The king had stormed into Parliament in order to arrest five MPs for treason, but Lenthall was having none of it. Three and a half centuries later, ministers and backbenchers present a modern Speaker with challenges rather different from a truculent monarch, but Betty Boothroyd faces them as unwaveringly as Lenthall, and a good deal more merrily. And in her own hair! She looks back, now, over her first year as Commons Speaker. Should the picture please her?

It should. From her film-star smile as she processes triumphantly through the Central Lobby into Prayers, we sense that it does. To have rocketed from relative obscurity to national stardom in the space of a year, and made not an enemy in the process, is not bad going. Why, within months of her accession to the Chair, Edward Pearce, of *The Guardian*, was proposing that the Speaker should replace royalty as Britain's head of state. It may have been a mixed year for John Major, and a bad year for the full-bottomed parliamentary wig, but this has been a very good year indeed for Madam Speaker. The verdict can be entered with confidence: wig or no wig, Betty is working out well.

Even the crustiest old Tories can be heard muttering that this woman Speaker business has not turned out quite the disaster they feared ... "Still, damn shame about the wig." For let's remember that, despite the media glitz that surrounded Miss Boothroyd from day one, her selection as Speaker was by no means unanimous. If she had not been a success quite fast, there would be plenty, now, who would be saying that they knew it all along. But we forget so quickly.

It was the first contested election for more than 40 years. It caused bitter upset to some respected Tory candidates and looked like a real waste of their potential. It hurt them and annoyed their friends. It ruffled the feathers of their sponsors, and it upset the calculations of the government whips.

It was only the third time this century that the Commons has endured the indignity of a debate about who should be its Speaker: and only the third time in history that the Labour party has supplied one. And it was the first time this century that the Chair has been occupied by a Speaker chosen from the opposition. Custom, in short, took a bruising on that day.

All this got Miss Boothroyd off to what could have been a rocky start. That she was the first *woman* Speaker in the office's 700 year history turned out to be part, not of the problem, but of the solution. Hundreds of male MPs willed her — in a way which was not entirely unpatronising — to be good at the job. She was.

Miss Boothroyd's style combines the glamour of a minor diva with the bearing of a kindergarten headmistress and the lip of a barmaid. There is no brooking this landlady's "time's up!". The smile is gracious but the tongue is sharp. Let us not mince words: this is a woman who uses every female trick in the book. She must control an essentially male mob, without the use of force. She does it in the way time-honoured of women in authority.

All at once, Betty Boothroyd appeals to affection for Mum, deference to Miss, fear of Madam, and a male eye for Mademoiselle.

A woman can be cross, and men will take it. They do not see it as a challenge. When Miss Boothroyd barks her reprimand, the working-class machismo of a score of Labour MPs from northern coalfields, and the pride of a dozen Glaswegian Jimmies, is not threatened — as it would be by a Tory brigadier or a Labour sergeant major. They grumble, but they take it. They remember the doughty schoolmistresses of their childhood. When she appeals for order, the chivalrous instinct in a hundred public school boys on the Tory benches leaps to her support. Among men who consider themselves gentlemen, gallantry is an obligation.

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No male Speaker could verbally slap wrists and tell another fellow to stop being silly. No male Speaker could pat a minister on the head and tell him to be a good boy, please. Betty Boothroyd gets away with both. If MPs do not actually queue before the Speaker's Chair with apples for the teacher, it is only because the rules forbid the bringing of food into the chamber.

No male Speaker could use the gender difference to flutter eyelashes or heave the breast soulfully at a wavering troublemaker. Miss Boothroyd *almost* does. She combines a quick mind, an experienced chairman's judgment and an artful femininity, in a most judicious blend. As for the other women MPs, these are rarely a disciplinary problem to any Speaker. So for the moment, the House is eating out of her hand.

But she has been lucky: let us not beat about the bush here, either. Labour are quiescent, the Celtic nationalists diminished, the Tories bruised. For different reasons, the fire has gone from the bellies of both government and Opposition. Individual troublemakers abound, of course — as ever — and Dennis Skinner is always with us, but there is no mood for general ruction. No group, party or minister has tried to take on the Chair in any sustained way. No serious controversy about parliamentary procedure has yet arisen. Miss Boothroyd's task has been to keep the kids in order but she has yet to face a serious sixth-form rebellion.

Speaker Weatherill had a rougher time. Not only because he was a man, and chosen from the Tories, but because Labour were angry, the SNP were streetfighting, and Mrs Thatcher was pushing everybody around. Weatherill took some lonely stands against ministerial arrogance towards the Commons and got for his pains a whispering campaign against him by the Tory whips. He reasserted backbenchers' rights after years of slow erosion, and got little thanks for it from the immediate beneficiaries, the Opposition. I believe he was an underrated Speaker in a difficult hour. He lent integrity to the Chair.

His successor continues those battles with the same vigour and integrity — especially against departmental arrogance. She is not *quite* without vanity, any more than Speaker Weatherill or Speaker Thomas were: a good Speaker needs a hint of self-regard. She is not a great constitutional brain, any more than Weatherill or Thomas claimed to be: a good Speaker knows how to use the Clerks. But she is fair, she is tough, and she is charming. Miss Boothroyd is off to a spectacular start.

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# Power play the Attali way

French plutocrats in London go nowhere if not in a motorcade

That the marble which panels the lobby to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development was insufficiently grand and required replacement at a cost of just £750,000 might appear shocking to hard-headed Anglo-Saxon opinion, especially for an institution with the altruistic purpose of rebuilding eastern Europe. But anyone who knows the ways of the plutocratic French political class will recognise the pattern.

Jacques Attali, the bank's president, has few qualms about its running costs, so far a modest £128 million or so, while the bill for the bank's Christmas bash at the Grosvenor House Hotel £52,000, was, he says, "not lavish".

Quite why the French dignitaries and politicians, the standard bearers of ostentation, feel it necessary to whizz through London in cars surrounded by large motorcades requires the explanation of a Frenchman. Marc Roche, a social commentator and journalist for the magazine *Le Point*, says: "The motorcade is one of the most significant French status symbols. It conveys the feeling and spirit of the Republic."

The French, he says, are more "posy", and "love showing off wealth. M Attali is not immune to that."

To have any standing, the French must dine in the Meridien Hotel, Piccadilly — but only in the Oak Room. "You don't eat in the restaurant upstairs. That's where the British businessmen in their awful suits eat. It's cheaper. They talk about boring things like business, which Frenchmen find so dreary." M Roche says.

The most important event in the French expatriates' calendar is the annual £65 a head dinner dance at the Meridien. What makes it irresistible is that the French Ambassador always attends, which provides a forum for *le grand networking*.

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For many of the French, life revolves around the tree-lined avenues of South Kensington. Here, cultural imperialism runs rampant: butchers and bakeries bear French names.

Buying tartes and croissants from the wrong shop (for wrong read "not French enough") is enough to ensure that a working *petit déjeuner* turns into a *grand débâcle*.

Whether market forces can be applied to teaching is highly questionable. No one would dispute the need for improved standards. Where the debate turns is on the means of assessment. What is Mr Patten looking for from teachers? Does he really incline to the Kite mark or does he just want a better deal all round, with more enthusiasm and better value for money?

If it is the former, one has to wonder what place there would be for the bumbling, inefficient, yet clever and inspirational Mr Chips. And would the men from the ministry ban Dead Poets Societies from our schools, and the teachers who go with them?

In *Old School Ties*, by Tim Devlin and Hywell Williams (Sinclair-Stevenson), from which the quote at the start of this article is taken, examples are legion of teachers who would fit only with difficulty into a state mould.

Richard Cobb, the celebrated historian of the French Revolution, now living in retirement in the West Country, went to Shrewsbury in the 1930s. There, Mr Street, his housemaster, was supposed to be a tremendous classical scholar, but his idea of housemanship was apparently to let the bullies run the school.

"They were an appalling lot. There were three nervous breakdowns in my year alone and some people had to leave for a year. They never worried me because I was devious and tough; I was a survivor. They would run at you along the corridor and hit you hard, but I thought to myself — 'You buggers, I can stick this out.'"

Today's education department would hardly know where to begin with this kind of regime. Who would? Yet hidden among Shrewsbury's shrill and awful echoes of Flashman was a teacher of genius, and it was he who set Cobb on his path to greatness.

He was taught history, from the autumn of 1933, by Murray Senior, who had arrived at Shrewsbury straight from Christ Church. "He gave us tutorials and would have us up in pairs to his House and gave us sherry. This enraged the housemasters. Senior was an arrogant man and was sacked from two disastrous headmasterships after leaving Shrewsbury, but he had just that measure of eccentricity which appeals to schoolboys. Of the nine of us on the history side, eight got Oxbridge awards in my year."

Equally instructive was the experience of Denis Noble, now a leading professor of cardiovascular physiology, who went to Emanuel School, south London, in 1947, and was soon under the benign influence of Mr Hurst, his chemistry master.

"I remember his demonstrations so vividly. There was an element of showmanship, but he made you realise that there was something very serious behind it. He would show us that what we were doing was the basis of some industrial process. He'd say, 'What you just did in that test tube is the process whereby your father's silver cutlery was electroplated'. Or 'That's how your photographs were developed'. He got it across to me that science was a serious business but that it wasn't boring."

Most people have memories of such teachers. Some of them would have been awarded their Kite marks; others would have been at serious risk of the sack. Inspirational qualities are not easily assessed — unless they lead to a uniform spread of grade Bs at examination time. They are nevertheless a critical element in the transformation of intelligent, but lazy or easily diverted, pupils into high performers, and few "great" men or woman do not have at least one such in their progress through school or university.

The fear now must be that Mr Patten, with his emphasis on a centrally regulated standard of teaching, measured with instruments of his devising, will end up with more young people attaining an "acceptable" level of education, but rather fewer products of the divine inspiration school, liable to think laterally and to make breakthroughs in rapidly shifting disciplines.

Somehow, it is hard to imagine any enthusiastic accommodation of the wayward — whether in staff or pupils — within a system that is based on established "norms" and which abdures deviance as a mortal sin against the national curriculum.

What the opposing sides share is the realisation that most young people do not, in fact, lust after knowledge. What they lust for, more usually, is each other. Most, even so, given the right motivation, can be taught to enjoy learning and to learn how to behave in life, and it must be the key job of the teacher to provide that vital inspiration and to make the experience of school unpredictable and fun. Kite marks are out of place here. The assessors need first of all to know what it is they are trying to assess. Teachers, too, need room to breathe.

WALTER ELLIS

# Has Mr Chips had his day?

If we persist in assessing all our teachers according to a common standard, we risk losing the really inspirational teachers that lie behind every great man or woman

"Scholars lust after knowledge for its own sake and the schools which breed them need to give them room to breathe." Discuss.

If John Patten's planned assessment of the professional competence of teachers were to include such an essay, how would it go down?

Its premise — that pupils long for learning in the same way that, say, they long to play for the First Fifteen or long to spend the mid-morning break with Rachel from the Lower Sixth — would make many teachers laugh and would provoke gasps of horror at the education department. In the new Whitehall, the assumption is that teaching is a specific, and measurable, skill and that careers should depend fundamentally on regularly making the grade.

Teacher One, with 28 pupils, uniformly submissive and neat, having an average of eight GCSE passes, half at grades B and C, would have a Kite mark on his jacket announcing him as the proud holder of British Pedagogic Standard 8904. Teacher B, with a history of misrule dating back to 1967 (even though nine of his charges have gone on to obtain Firsts at our better universities), would on the contrary receive a stiff summons from the head: "See me."



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Never mind the hemline ... many of the world's most talented young designers are on the breadline

# Fashion without the frills

Don't let your daughter do design, Mrs Worthington. Not, that is, if she's harbouring any fancy ideas about a life of glamour and wealth. Over the past few weeks, I've been visiting some of London's young fashion designers in their places of work, and it has been an eye-opener.

With a couple of exceptions, all are struggling to run businesses from tiny, overcrowded spaces you could only laughingly call studios. Some "studios" are actually mum's front room, with mum installed at the dining table typing the invoices and answering the phone (are you ready for this, Mrs Worthington?).

I don't want to be a prophet of doom or a knocker of the British fashion system — there are far too many out there already — but it seems to me that this summer's school leavers ought to be informed of a few hard realities before rushing into fashion design degrees. One is that if you want to build your own business it will probably take till you're 40 to earn a stable living — and that's if you're lucky. In fashion, you're "young" till you're old — meaning, until you become unassailably financially established. Thus the fashion universe is full of "young" British stars who are pushing 40. Rifat Ozbek, 39, British Designer of the Year, is still internationally regarded as "young".

It should also be noted that in fashion, fame has nothing to do with it. That's the easy bit. The fashion press is never reluctant to splash the work of the talented newcomer; in fact, there's fierce competition between journalists to be the first to feature a new name. In such reporting, questions are rarely asked about turnover, profits and capital — and if they are, it is often thought kinder to leave out the answers. Thus a designer can coast along on an illusion of celebrity, while lurching from one season to the next on the brink of financial disaster.



SARAH MOWER

When the worst happens and the press scrambles to cover the "shock" news that a designer has gone out of business, he or she will be accused of everything from immaturity and egomania to ignorance of market forces and business ineptitude.

This, I should point out, is a situation faced by young designers the world over. The most recent and spectacular example of it happened in February in New York. Just after Marc Jacobs, 29, had been voted America's Designer of the Year, he was fired from Perry Ellis International, where he'd been designing the women's collection — to, it should be noted, feverishly enthusiastic reviews. Trouble was, the collection didn't sell so Jacobs had to go. He shouldn't take his plight personally. The same kind of thing is happening even in Paris, where young designers are being got rid of by establishment houses in favour of men in their fifties and sixties.

If it's some cold comfort that the difficulties of survival as a young designer are at least not specific to Britain, it also means that foreign opportunities are closing off, too. Where then, can our fashion graduates turn in hope of employment? The British Fashion Council tried to do something about it just before Easter, when it organised a forum for fashion colleges to show their work to British companies such as Marks & Spencer, Miss Selfridge and The Burton Group. The initiative was judged a success, but it does conspicuously beg the question: why don't British students and employers meet each other on a routine basis?

So force your daughter to read this, Mrs Worthington, and note her response. If nothing can deter her from sketching, making and dressing up in clothes and obsessively reading costume books and fashion magazines — then so be it. In this world, there's only one qualification that will see her through, and that is passionate, driving obsession. As they say — you don't have to be mad to be a fashion designer, but it helps.

# Big name bargains this way

Conran too costly? Dior too dear? That's what you think, **Rachel Kelly** says, with her £35 Hamnett creation

Designer clothes are supposed to be expensive and come from shops in Mayfair, but that is not necessarily so. I have just bought a £35 dress designed by Katharine Hamnett.

One has to be careful. Although it was designed *by* Katharine Hamnett, it didn't come *from* Miss Hamnett's shop in South Molton Street, but from The Designer Sale & Exchange Shop in Lancaster Road, just off the Portobello Road in west London.

The shop is the latest example of a genre which has been flourishing in the recession: shops selling second-hand designer clothes. Such is the consumer demand that the first directory listing all such shops in the UK has just been published by Sue Tunnard: *Where to be seen*.

It works like this. Fashionable young-things-about-town who have tired of their Ferragamo flares or their Galliano *gilets* take the lot to the dry-cleaners and onto Lancaster Road. So do designers with extra stock, and those in the rag trade who have clothes to spare. The final mix is about 50 per cent genuine second hand, 50 per cent new.

Shopkeepers Judy Banks and Lucy Lyster then inspect their offerings with the discernment of those whose best friends are fashion editors. Much is rejected. The clothes must be in good condition and made by recognisable designers. They must be fun and fashionable and appeal to the predominantly young buyers who are attracted to the shop in Notting Hill. They must be reasonably priced. (Ms Banks and Ms Lyster add a 40 per cent mark up to the agreed price to pay for the shop's running and mounds of paperwork.) If they have not sold within a month, the owners must return to pick the clothes up again.

The result is a far cry from Oxfam. (I'll never forget a sign I once saw in an Oxfam shop reminding assistants that two aspirins dissolved in water were perfect for removing perspiration stains.) Ms Banks and Ms Lyster set the tone: they look like models, with no knitting in sight. There is a whiff of fresh laundering: not that fusty, moth-ball smell which envelops most second hand shops. Pop music thumps in the background, as in any other self-respecting boutique. The clientele is young, many of them donors as well as buyers.

But the chief attraction is the clothes. Here is a Jasper Conran lace dress for £75; there a crushed red velvet jacket by Liza Bruce (£75); here a little beaded shift dress by Monica Chong (£25); there a blue satin John Galliano catsuit (£39); here a Pascale Smets see-through body (£55).

I flew from rail to rail scooping up clothes in wonder at the prices and thrilled at the labels. I felt like Charlie let loose in the chocolate factory.

Unsurprisingly, most of them looked terrible once on. The cat-suit was way too large — there's no hope of a smaller size, of course. All the clothes are genuine one-offs, at once an advantage in that nobody else will have the same, and a disadvantage in that if it doesn't fit, too bad. The crushed jacket looked like a dressing gown, the beaded dress was too small and made me look top-heavy, and I had to confess I would never wear the body. (A designer sample, by the way: I was too fastidious to consider a second-hand body.)

> 'I didn't ask who had brought it in. It felt rather like adopting a baby: I didn't want to know'

No matter. There were thousands more clothes to choose from, not to mention shoes by Elizabeth Stewart-Smith, bags by Lulu and jumpers by Joseph. In my rush to grab as many bargains as possible before somebody else did, I gathered an eclectic collection.

The art is to try everything on. More than in most shops, it is hard to tell what something on the rail will look like on. Part of the problem is that completely different styles are cheek by jowl on the rail — though there are loose divisions between jackets on one rail, evening wear on another. As there is only one size of everything, it is worth trying things on just in case a ten is actually an eight, in my case. The joy of designer clothes is in the cut, a secret which remains hidden until you emerge from the changing room.

I had a £100 budget and was really looking for an evening-type dress to maximise the bargain, though I couldn't resist trying a Whistles suit, a Joseph jumper and some glittery numbers.

Ultimately, I settled on my black velvet Katharine Hamnett dress. You can't be too thin, too rich, or have too many little black dresses, I reasoned. It had been in the shop a few weeks, and had inspired much interest, rather like a house on an estate agent's books, but no offers.

I think the reason was because it's tiny, and luckily so am I. It not only fitted snugly, but was simple (good if you are five foot two like me and haven't the height for complicated styles.) Even if I only wear it once, £35 would not break the bank. I don't know which Katharine Hamnett season it comes from — I don't mind as the shape is fairly classic and won't date. The velvet showed no signs of shine, and the zip worked smoothly. It's the sort of dress I won't have to think about, but can throw on in a rush when I get back from work.

I didn't ask who had brought it in. It felt rather like adopting a baby: I didn't want to know. The point is, I am already practising how to say: "It's Katharine Hamnett, actually."

● *The Designer Sale & Exchange Shop, 61d Lancaster Road, London W11 1QG (071-243 2596). Sue Tunnard: 0205 722235*

MICHAEL POWELL



Dressed for a killing: Rachel Kelly steps out in her Hamnett bargain, bought at the Designer Sale & Exchange Shop

# The joys of unclean living

Today's women are anything but models of domestic orderliness

Housekeeping ain't no joke, according to Louisa May Alcott in *Little Women*. And for many years it certainly wasn't. The whole process of home-making, spring-cleaning and cooking was a woman's special province and was looked on as a life's work.

Now in America at least the art of housekeeping appears to be dying. To the casual visitor, the average American home may look immaculate, but lift the rug and the cockroaches scuttle. Experts say that the modern American house is becoming dirtier and dustier. Girls have stopped trying to be Little Women and simply brush the dirt under the carpet. When it comes to spring cleaning they give up altogether and call in outside help. Standards are falling across the social spectrum, excluding, of course, those with Filipino maids.

So what about Britain? Have we become a nation of sluts? Is mould oozing from our fridges? Where the Americans had Miss Alcott to dictate the niceties of polishing, the British had Mrs Beeton's *Book of Household Management*. But for my generation, the twentysomethings, the notion that cleanliness is next to godliness seems to be fading.

I was taught domestic science for five years at school by a fierce, elderly woman who would tweak your ear if you couldn't lay a table correctly, expected military precision when loading a dishwasher and was appalled by my inability to cook a tuna fish crumble or understand the rudiments of a white sauce.

My mother taught me how to sew on a button and darn a sock, my father how to plump up cushions and do hospital corners. But all to no avail.

At university the men all shaved in the bath, leaving a bristly ring of grime for weeks and left greasy frying pans in the sink. In retaliation the girls insisted on keeping the loo seats down, left tights draped on the radiators and muesli all over the kitchen table. Nobody made their beds.

Slovenly habits seem to have stuck. My clothes are left in a pile to wade through at the end of the week, I still have no idea where the ironing board is and I enjoy washing up only at other people's houses. To me, housekeeping is a joke, something that no career woman needs to take seriously — and that, if done at all, should be shared with men.

My mother is relatively tactful about my lack of domestic skills. She buys teatowels at regular intervals and limits herself to running a finger along the skirting boards, but I am sure she is appalled.

According to Ann Oakley, author of *The Sociology of Housework*, my friends are probably an aberration. Most British women (rarely men) are still extremely tidy. "When I wrote my book 20 years ago women tried to keep their houses spotless," she says. "The standards they wanted to achieve related to those of their mothers, and I do not think that has changed. As soon as women start a family, they become more houseproud.

"The moral equation between being a good woman and a good household manager has not changed. Women are constantly bombarded with images in magazines and on television that make them feel guilty if they are not squirting solvents and abrasives on every surface."



Kitchen queen, fifties-style

And what about women who are in full-time employment? "They do less, but a lot still rush home at the end of the day to do the shopping," she says. "I found the only difference in class was that professional women tended to talk about it less."

One attitude that has changed is towards domestic help. It used to be thought a sin to let someone wash or tidy up after you. Now there comes a time in many a woman's life when, knee-deep in the filth caused by children and a dual career, she will throw her mop on the floor and cry for domestic help, regardless of middle-class guilt.

Poppies UK, with 55 franchises, is the largest domestic cleaning service in the country and was set up 13 years ago by Sue Ronstad.

"Cleaning is now a question of priorities and many women find that they prefer to spend their earnings on a cleaner," she says. "But almost everyone we clean for has a pride in her house. They are rarely very dirty."

But for those who cannot square a cleaner with either their conscience or their bank manager and hate getting wrinkly hands, help may soon be at hand. A domestic cleaning robot is being developed by a group of Anglo-German engineers which will be able to vacuum up toast crumbs, clean curtains and sweep floors.

ALICE THOMSON

# Now we are six: let's get a harassment lawyer

THE playground has gone politically correct. Even primary-school children in some American states have been swept into a growing movement to make sexual harassment reason for suspension or expulsion. States are making detailed regulations about what constitutes the crime. Children who cannot spell the word harassment, let alone understand its shades of meaning, are subject to the new laws.

Last week, one teenage girl won record damages of $40,000 from her school for sexual harassment — in this case failing to prevent boys from circulating a list of 25 "easy" schoolgirls. Fortunately, the other 24 have not sued, or the school would face serious debt.

In Minneapolis alone — in the state of Minnesota which has the most draconian school sexual harassment rules — more than 1,300 pupils were disciplined, suspended or expelled for violations during the last school year.

Another Minnesota case, in progress now, is of a seven-year-old girl, Cheltzie Hentz, who is suing Eden Prairie school district for failing to prevent older boys from sexually harassing her on the school bus.

While Cheltzie was in first grade, she was teased by fourth-grade boys on the bus. This escalated after a time into name-calling, and obscene suggestions about her father's penis. Soon, she was refusing to use the school bus. Since then, the girl and Sue Mutziger, her mother, have been involved in a flurry of publicity, agreeing to appear on the news programme *Good Morning America* and the Sally Jessy Raphael network chat show. Ms Mutziger has set up an information network on school sexual harassment called *Stop the BUS*, standing, in a somewhat laboured way, for Behaviour Unruly Sexual. She said she was worried that the sudden attention might upset her daughter and "limited" her television appearances to five minutes. If Cheltzie's case succeeds, Ms Mutziger's lawyer says she might gain damages and expenses of nearly $9,000.

When a Minnesota newspaper suggested Ms Mutziger was exploiting her daughter's predicament to win fame and fortune for herself, she answered: "This has nothing to do with money. I'm not asking for money. I'm asking for a change in behaviour. This has to do with changing a hostile environment into an environment where children can learn and study."



KATE MUIR

Those promoting heavier use of sexual harassment laws say that fines are often the only way to make the schools sit up and take notice. Duluth Central high school has improved its awareness of sexual harassment ever since it paid $15,000 last year to a girl who successfully sued for failure to remove obscene graffiti about her from the boys' cloakroom wall.

Others consider such damages can only harm the school system, which, like hospitals, is paying higher and higher insurance premiums in case of legal action. Cynics note that suing for sexual harassment could be a new way of paying your way through college.

The new vigour in applying sexual harassment regulations has been paralleled by a heightened awareness of the problem in the workplace, especially since the country sat bolt upright with interest during the Anita Hill-Clarence Thomas hearings. Federal law bans sexual harassment, but not in explicit detail, because it interferes with the right of students to an equal education. But in states like Minnesota, California and Massachusetts, extra regulations have been written for schools. Florida and Pennsylvania are also considering special rules. In California, the rules apply for nine-year-olds and above, but in Minnesota the law on paper even includes nursery-school children.

Yet the rules themselves seem to be so all-encompassing that they ban behaviour which may be unpleasant, but is common to children everywhere and part of the experience of learning to tough it out at school. Nan Stein of the Wellesley Centre for Research on Women listed harassment activities in *The New Republic* magazine: "Name calling; girls being pinched and grabbed; notes being passed; the playground act of depantsing; boys grab the private-parts-of-the-girl week; dangling." Dangling, she explains, involves "boys lifting up younger boys so that their underpants dig into the testicles. It's very painful."

But do children of five or six have the first idea of what is going on? Sue Sattel, who describes herself as the "sex equity specialist" at the Minnesota education department, believes in getting 'em early. "Of course a little boy does not know what sexual harassment means, but he does it. It's about power, when a little boy learns he has power over a little girl and abuses it. Six-year-old boys will use words like 'bitch' or 'whore' even if they don't know what they mean." She is now writing two courses to educate children about such matters, one for five to eight-year-olds, and one for nine to twelves.

Parent-teacher associations have often opposed the new rules, because they say school discipline should cover such areas automatically and not allow expensive legal cases to escalate. The sudden vogue for applying adult consciousness-raising to children has been met with incredulity. A spokeswoman for the California PTA says: "Many grown-ups still have no idea what the concept of sexual harassment means, philosophically. Now we're holding accountable children in fourth grade."

Meridien Hotel, [illegible]

## Alan Coren



**■ Pot plants on hunger strike. Flowers committing insecticide. What a carrion**

I have a plant, and it won't eat. Not only will it not swallow, it won't even chew. Indeed, when you come right down to it, I have no evidence that, since it took up residence, it has actually tried biting anything.

It has been here a week. It came to a dinner party — not for plants, for people — but I did not immediately remove its gift-swaddling since there were prior social incumbencies, and anyway, it would only be a cyclamen, it is always a cyclamen, but when everyone had gone again, I saw that the label said: *Dionaea muscipula* (Venus Fly Trap).

As plants go, it wasn't up to much, you couldn't see where Venus came in, it was hardly more than a spray of skinny stalks dangling over the edge of the pot, each ending in a fronded jaw, but the label said it was "an appealing novelty plant", which made it sound like something that opened the second half at the Hackney Empire, so I put it on a window-sill and went to bed, quite chipper about the whole affair. Since the cat died in 1988, I had not had a pet. Never mind one in show business.

In the morning, there were no flies on it. This did not bother me, for ours are not particularly fly-blown premises, and besides, the thing might have eaten before it set off the previous night: although I knew little of *Dionaea muscipula*, I assumed that it was more intelligent than the average plant (a cyclamen hasn't the first idea how to catch a square meal), and that it would therefore not have undertaken a journey without first gobbling a little something to tide it over.

When, however, it ate nothing all that day, I grew concerned; I had left the window open, the spring was warm, there were flies about, bugs, gnats, ladybirds, but each little jaw lay open and empty, which, according to *Britannica*, they wouldn't be if my pet had eaten: the relevant jaw would have snapped shut to form a spiny cage, enabling the fortunate owner to watch an insect being slowly ingested. That was its novelty; quite how appealing you would find it would rather depend on whether you thought watching a fly getting sucked flat was better than watching an inferior juggler fall off his monocycle, but I was game to give it a go, especially as I had been rather taken by *Britannica*'s further news that it was a member of the Sundew family from North Carolina, and suddenly I saw them all, Belle Sundew, Rhett Sundew, Robert E. Sundew, I saw the Old Sundew Place, the darkies strumming, the mockingbirds hooting, the family rocking on the verandah, digesting flies.

Three days, however, brought no change, even after I managed to swat a fly (a thing I thought I should no longer have to do, now there was a professional in the house) and tweezer it gently into one of the plant's gaping jaws. The jaw did not ungape. Did my pet, perhaps, not savour carrion? *Britannica* not saying, I sped to Waterstone with £10.99, sped back with Davidson's *Unusual Houseplants*, and learned that, on the contrary, "when flies are not plentiful, the Venus Fly Trap may be fed with minute pieces of fish".

What a versatile little fellow! Without pausing to speculate on how it could have developed this taste for seafood, I opened a can of sardines, and gave it a morsel. But even as a Venus Fish Trap, it remained inert. And thus, inevitably, guilt crept in. It was off its tucker because it did not like me. It wished it was in Dixie. I did not know what I had done, but, worse, I did not know what to do either. You couldn't bin it, it wasn't a bunch of daffs, it dwelt in that no man's land between vegetable and animal, it would be like binning Lassie, it might even be an offence, the RSPCA would axe the door. I should be banned for life from keeping another pot-plant, vegetable rights activists would aerosol my fence, but what was the option, were there special vets, must I sit with it in some waiting-room alongside weeping freaks whose sea-anemones were on the blink, whose pitcher-plants felt low?

So I rang Kew, and they were, as always, solicitude itself: they faxed me a membership form for the Carnivorous Plant Society, only nine quid to join, but better than that, it is a reg charity, No 281423: which is why, since you have been wondering, you're reading this. We at the CPS need you: dig deep, give generously. Or we'll send a triffid round.

**Jacques Attali** replies to critics who say the European Bank has been profligate without helping the East

# Initiatives that the new Europe can bank on

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development was conceived and set up in the euphoric aftermath of the collapse of the Berlin Wall. The unexpected had happened. Communism — the prevalent ideology of the 20th century — had been rejected. Not only were the peoples of these countries elated, so was the international community. There was a genuine belief that Europe could be changed smoothly by a belief in democracy and the market economy.

It was against this background that the European Bank was created as an institution to help the countries of the eastern half of Europe in their difficult transition process and so promote peace and prosperity for them and for the rest of the free world.

Everybody involved in the process of transition soon realised that it would not be as swift, or as easy, as initially expected. The war in the former Yugoslavia, the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the division of the old Republic of Czechoslovakia — in their different ways, each is an example of this realisation. All facets of life have had to change. The old political and economic systems have been cast aside, and in their place new societies, with new or changing institutions, values and norms are being established. This is no easy task.

The bank has now been in operation for almost two years, and while we have accomplished much in a very difficult environment, and are proud of what we have accomplished, we know we must continue to work hard to fulfil our mandate because of the importance and urgency of the needs to be met.

To date the bank has committed more than 2 billion ecus (£1.6 billion) to 88 projects, of which approximately 200 million ecus (£125 million) had been disbursed by the end of March 1993. In working with corporations, banks, governmental organisations and other institutions, the bank has mobilised roughly an additional 6 billion ecus (£4.8 billion). A further 66 million ecus (£52 million) in technical cooperation grant funds has been committed by the bank.

Being both a merchant and development bank, we have been able to address the needs of both the public and private sectors, ranging from helping to establish telecommunications networks in Belarus, Bulgaria, the former Czechoslovakia and Poland, to funding indigenous entrepreneurs in Poland and creating new financial institutions in Russia.

The bank is in a unique position: it has built up an excellent knowledge of the region, it has highly trained international staff and a mandate to deal solely with the eastern half of Europe. This enables us to promote new initiatives to deal with the very special needs of the region. For example, we are now implementing a nuclear safety fund with a secretariat in the bank, which will allow the dangerous nuclear power plants in Eastern Europe to be overhauled.

Various other innovative forms of project financing are under discussion in the bank: ways of restructuring and subsequently privatising some of the enormous industrial complexes of the former communist world, and ways of creating suitable financial intermediaries to finance small and medium sized enterprises, thus creating a private business class. This last example is one of the issues that the bank will be discussing with its governors at its annual meeting in London on April 26-27.

The European Bank is working closely with these countries in this transition process. Gone is the exhilarated mood of the late 1980s: today there is at best realistic optimism, and at worst real fear of the future.

Our mission is for the long term. Transition will not occur overnight, and the conditions within which the bank operates will not become any easier in the short term. But, we have built a solid grounding: we have a highly competent staff, many with expert knowledge of the region's languages and history, a functional headquarters in the heart of the European financial capital of London, and, in record time for any international institution, we have begun to disburse funds.

Many of the leaders of the countries of central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union — those whom the bank is designed to assist — have carried through courageous political and economic reforms in a remarkably short time and in the face of extraordinary social and economic difficulties, reflected in rising inflation, falling output and trade, rising unemployment and difficult debates about the exact type of democratic structures to be put in place.

The new structures are still very unstable. Only through time, experience and appropriate assistance will they strengthen. The fragility of the economic situation has been exacerbated by worldwide recession, by increased calls from their neighbours for protectionism, and by increasing nationalism in many parts of the region, sometimes leading to armed conflict and bloodshed.

Now is not the time for the reform process in Eastern Europe to be allowed to slow down. On the contrary, each country has now to continue more determinedly than before down the path of reform. In particular, the basic institutions of democracy and the market economy must be put in place.

Despite, indeed because of the hurdles, the need for the bank was never more evident. It will continue, in true working partnership with all of its members, to work hard to meet and overcome the tremendous challenges ahead.

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# Armchair strategists keep clear

**Full-scale occupation or a humanitarian disengagement were the only options ever open to the UN and the Western powers in the ravaged Yugoslav lands**

*Simon Jenkins*

On Monday an hour-long Serbian bombardment of Srebrenica left 56 people dead. The shelling was the Serbian commander's response to the enforcement of the United Nations "no-fly" zone over the former Yugoslavia. I suppose these 56 people would have died sooner or later. But since the no-fly zone has no military purpose, was enforced to appease the "do something" lobby in America, and was certain to produce a violent response, Monday's 56 corpses must have been part of its calculation. They are a memorial to the callousness of the Bosnian Serbs' siege tactics. They are a memorial also to the bankruptcy of armchair interventionism over the Balkans.

During the past six months, Western policy towards Serbia has been counterproductive. Every move has stoked the engine of Serbian aggrandisement, while making that aggrandisement more murderous and illiberal. Since the end of overt war between Croatia and Serbia there were only two choices open to outsiders. The first was to invade Bosnia with main force, to occupy, colonise and police it village by village (the Vietnam option). The second was to leave the Serbs, Muslims and Croats to redraw their internal boundaries in their own brutal way, with outsiders picking up the casualties (the Ethiopia option). In Bosnia, the best hope for minimal bloodletting and for future coexistence lay in the civil war being short.

There was never a middle way between these options. Clever commentators have contorted themselves to pretend otherwise. Last year was the UN Year of the Euphemism: "Give diplomacy a chance". "Turn the sanctions screw a bit tighter". "Bomb Belgrade to its senses". A mountain of hindsight has piled over Western legislatures and newspaper offices, to the effect that Serbia would have "come to see reason" had "tougher action" been taken at some unspecified time in the past. Since none of this pressure did the trick, the international community must appease its guilt by being seen to "do something", however counterproductive, however daft.

We are thus seeing some of the worst policy-making ever from the UN and its members. We have a bid at the security council for even tighter (which means more counterproductive) economic sanctions against Belgrade. We have the Americans goading the Russians into doing what nobody wants, overtly backing the Serbs under Slav nationalist pressure. We have the costly no-fly zone and a pointless and devastating risk to humanitarian relief in Bosnia. We have 56 fresh corpses.

At this point I must say some obsequies over the body of the Vance-Owen peace plan. This plan posed only one question: how many Bosnians would be dead before it bit the dust? Anybody can negotiate a ceasefire. Lord Carrington proved that. In civil wars, ceasefires are about regrouping, rearming, resupplying. Bosnian ceasefires simply put more bullets into guns. What was ludicrous was the idea that the Serb commanders would ever go on to accept a map that stripped them of territory gained so bloodily. It was like asking Margaret Thatcher to hand Goose Green back to the Argentinians after the Battle of Tumbledown.

Mercifully the plan has collapsed. This has forestalled its wild proposal for a *de facto* Nato land invasion of Bosnia to impose the new map. It was fashionable in New York last Christmas to say that Vance-Owen was "the only show in town". Even if this was true of the town of New York — not Belgrade — the signal to the Serbs could not have been clearer. They should expedite ethnic cleansing to render the map even less plausible. The only map that mattered was the one on a gunnery officer's field desk.

Precisely this has taken place over the past three months in Srebrenica and other Muslim enclaves. The UN has been drawn into the bind that it most feared, and critics predicted, a year ago. Its humanitarian commitment has become biased towards the underdog. Its local commanders have become partisan — in General Morillon's case spectacularly so — but not partisan enough to make any difference. The UN's "relief" of Srebrenica was defeated by a band of unarmed Serbian women.

Already the agenda is changing. Poor Bosnia has slid from being merely a victim of its own ethnic divisions to become a symbol of America's continuing virility. From right and left come assertions that Bosnia is an ultimate test.



Accused of bias: General Morillon, the UN protection force commander

an example to the world. "Nato should go into the Balkans," writes the widely syndicated American columnist William Safire, "or shut up shop." This is absurd. The vocal leader of the American war party, Anthony Lewis of *The New York Times*, announces that "the credibility of American power in the world" rests on the fate of Srebrenica. (The town is doomed: modern Americans have a genius for setting up their defeats in advance.)

We are told that diplomacy has failed in what was once Yugoslavia. It has not. Diplomacy is the projection of power by non-military means. It implies a commitment to employ leverage to achieve a political goal. Against armed might, diplomacy is relevant only if it presupposes a greater might. Britain's famous gunboat diplomacy presupposed a battleship over the horizon.

What has failed in Yugoslavia is not diplomacy but bluff. From the moment the outside world recognised Slovenia, the Serb ascendancy saw that Yugoslavia was dead and that the fight for Greater Serbia was on. That fight would be a fight for territory, and would be bloody. Sanctions, no-fly zones, bombed airports, redrawn maps and ceasefires would not stop the fight. They would embattle the Milosevic regime and push power towards the black-marketeers, nationalists and militant local warlords. Since no sane Western (or Eastern) government was going to send soldiers to garrison every village in Croatia and Bosnia against the Serbs, interventionism was a sham. Its bluff has been called, week after week.

Yet we pile on more bluff. Serbian aggression cannot be allowed to succeed, says the British government. But it is being allowed to succeed. There can be no rewarding the ethnic cleansers, says the Clinton administration. But UN trucks race around Bosnia at our expense, moving thousands of Muslims from their villages. The West is rightly not prepared to go to war with Serbia. Yet it cannot bring itself to retreat into the humanitarian mode. It aches for the comfort of a middle way. The boundaries of Greater Serbia will be pushed to the territorial limits set by local Serb (and Croatian) commanders. Impeding these ambitions, sending arms to those defying them, impoverishing Belgrade, may delay the setting of these limits. But civil wars cease only when one side reaches exhaustion or the sea.

Since the Congo, the United Nations has sensibly kept out of places as hopeless as this. It recognised the virtue of not intervening in the internal affairs of states, as defined by their post-1945 borders. Within those borders, self-determination should apply. The principle may have left in the lurch minority rights within states; it may not always have been respected; but it played some part in decolonisation and in keeping communist expansion at bay.

The break-up of states has always sorely tested non-intervention — look at Pakistan or Nigeria. But the new American theory that countries "that fail to care decently for their citizens . . . forfeit invulnerability to outside political/military intervention" (*The Washington Post*) has alarming implications. Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, says the primary foreign policy task of the United State is "heading off the surfacing of long-suppressed ethnic and religious conflict" around the world.

Is this the new world order? Does any minority group merely need to run up the flag of oppression to have the US marines come running? In the old days, small countries or ethnic groups secured their survival by allying themselves to big neighbours. Should they now thumb their noses at the neighbours because Uncle Sam will come to their aid? Are the United States and the UN to police the ethnic maelstrom that will accompany the end of the former Soviet Union? This is madness.

The new interventionism has no political or ideological spine. It sees national self-interest, as in nuclear non-proliferation, as an immoral basis for foreign action. At its heart is merely a vague feeling of discomfort at man's inhumanity to man and a susceptibility to the pornography of grief. Like Gladstone's campaign against Turkish atrocities, it will evaporate. The outcome will be a spasmodic adventurism born of cynicism out of racism. It will thoroughly discredit the United Nations.

At this moment in the Caucasus, Azerbaijanis are being bloodily "cleansed" from what looks like becoming Greater Armenia. Thousands are dying. Is this the next test of American potency, of Nato throw-weight, of UN credibility, of the new liberal church militant? I suspect not. Summer is coming. Interventionism will dissipate. And as the Armenians and Azerbaijanis are finding, an atrocity is less atrocious when not committed on a European.

# PR of the realm

LORD PARKINSON, one of the smoothest political operators of the Thatcher years, has found a new calling. Or is it a second wind? Either way, the oleaginous Parkinson looks born to his new vocation — public relations.

Parkinson, who remains one of Lady Thatcher's favourites, has joined forces with two other Thatcher stalwarts — Gerald Howarth, her former PPS, and Patrick Robertson, the exuberant 24-year-old founder of the Bruges Group. Between them, the three have come up with a suitably inspirational if rather derivative name for their new venture — Task Force Communications.

Contracts are already pouring in, as they say in PR circles. Not least from the Russians, who in better times were great admirers of the Iron Lady. Gerald Howarth is advising Sukhoi, the Russian government bureau which develops high-powered military and civilian aircraft, on its privatisation.

Parkinson, a former energy secretary, is also setting up an environmental affairs institute, under the aegis of his new consultancy, to advise on green matters.

Having run a business before (his father-in-law's building firm), the Tory peer is looking forward to practising again the entrepreneurial spirit which he preached in government. "It is a great challenge. I will be very much hands-on."

Which must be why Task Force has the confidence to offer as one of its services "crisis management, scandal (personal and corporate)".

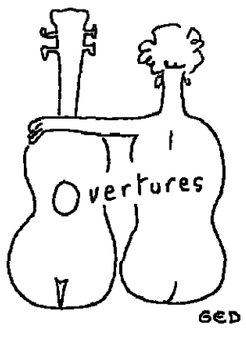
## Housey housey

THERE may be joy in Norman Lamont's immediate circle over the encouraging Easter stirrings in the housing market, but despondency still reigns in Central Office. Battling with a £19 million overdraft, the apparatchiks have been approaching property companies with Tory caps in hand — only to be met with less than polite rebuffs.

The building industry is not yet ready to forgive the Conservatives for what it regards as gross mismanagement of the economy. George Wimpey, the second largest housebuilder, has already cancelled its annual contribution to the party. Others are expected to do likewise.

"We are not kindly disposed to the government, which cannot take any credit for recovery in the market," says Roger Humber, director general of the Housebuilders Federation. "Things have come right because the politicians have been forced onto a different course." About time too, according to the chairman of one of the country's most successful builders: "We gave £10,000 to them last year, but ever since we signed the cheque, we've regretted it." He's thinking of post-dating the next one.

● *They have been taking their clothes off again at publishers Pan Macmillan. Last year it was off with the skirts and trousers for publicity shots for Anita Burgh's novel* Advances, *just out in paperback. This year staff have gone topless for* Overtures, *her latest novel. Modesty, however, means female executives have been exposing their backs, not their fronts, to the camera. Now the publisher is running a competition among its 1,000 employees to see if they can recognise their colleagues from the rear. A sort of Spot the Mole competition.*




# DIARY

## Jet set, go

REVELATIONS of lavish spending on the headquarters of the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development in London have come as no surprise to those who have experienced the hospitality of Jacques Attali, the bank's president.

Attali recently took a group of four journalists on an all-expenses paid trip to what was Yugoslavia. Chauffeur-driven limousines were sent to the reporters' homes in the middle of the night to take them to Luton airport for a 5.30 am departure aboard a 15-seater private jet.

Attali set a cracking pace, taking in Slovenia, Croatia and Macedonia in just two days. No expense was spared, with the party put up in the Esplanade hotel, the finest in Zagreb. Champagne and canapes were served on the return flight which was diverted to Paris. Not because of fog, but to allow Attali to make dinner.

## Feast your eyes

THE CAMPAIGN by 40 or so publicans in London's West End to persuade British Telecom to reopen the famous revolving restaurant in the BT Tower after 20 years is about to move east. Disillusioned by BT's response, the publicans are considering the 800 ft tower at Canary Wharf instead.

Eugene O' Brien, landlord of the George and Dragon off Great Portland Street, and driving force of the campaign, says he has not given up on BT yet. "But I will certainly look at Canary Wharf if this comes to nothing," he says. But restaurateurs are more cautious. "It's a lovely idea, but any restaurant like that runs the risk of being too touristy," says Joel Kissin, managing director of Terence Conran's Gastrodome group of restaurants: "The danger is charging high prices for not very good food." As opposed to good prices for very high food, presumably.

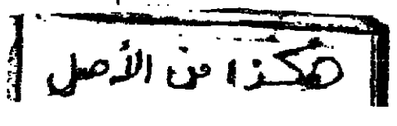
## Sting and the stones in concert



● Having done his bit for the rainforests, Sting, the rock star, has turned his attention closer to home. He has joined a group protesting over planned improvements at Stonehenge.

One of the two plans proposed by English Heritage involves a new by-pass that would avoid the ancient stones but run through meadows less than a mile from Sting's newly acquired Tudor mansion, Lake House. Sting and his wife, Trudy Styler, are expected at the inaugural meeting on Monday. The couple insist they are involved as "locals", but they join a star-studded cast, including Prince Charles's friend, Lady "Kanga" Tryon, and Lord Cathcart, a former Queen's bodyguard.

Peter Bailey, the landowner co-ordinating the protest, insists there is no need to reroute the A303: "You've got to consider the five million drivers who enjoy looking at Stonehenge from the road."



# A BAR TO JUSTICE

## Rising costs must not wreck the legal aid system

When Lord Shawcross introduced legal aid in 1949, the Labour government hailed it as a "charter for the little men" which would make justice, like health care, available to all. Forty-four years later, legal aid has been cut by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Conservative Lord Chancellor, who concedes that at least 250,000 people will be affected by the restrictions. A host of critics, including the Bar Council, the Law Society and the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor, claim that the "little men" have been grievously betrayed.

The Lord Chancellor, whose cuts are to be reviewed by the High Court, deserves credit for confronting the problem of soaring costs. Even with cuts of more than £300 million over the next three years, the legal aid budget is still expected to rise by about 10 per cent a year and to exceed £1,500 million a year by 1995-6.

Lord Mackay's answer is to leave criminal legal aid more or less as it is but restrict other entitlements dramatically. Free legal advice under the "green form" scheme will now be limited to those with a weekly income of £60 or less, while free civil legal aid for court proceedings will be restricted to those with an income of £2,217 per annum or less. All but the very poorest, therefore, will have to contribute to their costs. About 20 per cent of those now offered legal help conditional on their own contribution already have to turn it down on the grounds of expense. The perverse result of Lord Mackay's reform may be a civil justice system that serves only the very rich and the very poor, at a time when the government's own charters are encouraging citizens to defend their rights more actively.

Lord Mackay must now examine ways of catering for the moderately paid outside the legal aid system. Free or low cost advice on subjects such as consumer, housing and benefit law could be provided more efficiently by law centres than by solicitors in private practice who are unlikely to have particular expertise in such areas. The sluggish market in legal insurance should also be given a boost by making premiums partly tax-deductible.

Within the legal aid system, the Lord Chancellor's objective must be — as far as possible — to reduce unit costs rather than the public's eligibility for help. He must give priority to negotiations on restructuring lawyers' fees in legal aid work and to replace their often exorbitant hourly rates with a system of standard fees. The Legal Aid Board's plan to buy services in bulk from legal firms should be particularly welcomed. Safeguards must, however, be included to prevent cases being closed prematurely by lawyers who take up bulk contracts.

Lord Mackay should also hasten the implementation of the new "conditional fees" system which will enable lawyers to take some personal injury and insolvency cases on a "no win, no fee" basis. This legal reform is long overdue and still far too cautious in its scope. But its progress will indicate whether British legal culture is ready for the more adventurous system of "contingency fees", under which lawyers are paid no fees at all but take a proportion of any damages awarded.

Since the British people are generally averse to going to law and their judges tend to be stern with vexatious litigants, it is unlikely that this progressive arrangement would overburden the courts. Lord Mackay's attention to financial reality is welcome; but his incomplete reform of legal aid must spur a much broader examination of civil justice and the legal profession.

# BANK WITHOUT A CAUSE

## If the EBRD did not exist, nobody would now invent it

Jacques Attali, president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), is unrepentant that in its first two years, the EBRD has spent twice as much on itself as it has disbursed in loans and investments to recipients in Russia and Eastern Europe. At next week's annual meeting in St Petersburg, he should be sharply called to order for such grandiose gestures as the refacing of the walls of the EBRD's new Broadgate offices in Carrara marble, whose varying stages of polish allegedly symbolise the EBRD mission to transform the excommunist economies from "rough to smooth".

But the main worry for the EBRD 53 shareholder governments should not be its over-plush headquarters, the salaries it pays, the £600,000 M Attali spent last year on private jet travel, or even its £52,000 Christmas party. The really pertinent question is whether there is any point in the EBRD's existence.

When in doubt, set up a committee, runs the old civil service adage. Two years ago, in response to the changes sweeping Eastern Europe, Western governments went one better with the EBRD. It was a political gesture which always had more to do with building institutions in the European Community than in the countries it was supposed to help. President Mitterrand, whose brainchild it was, insisted that Europe needed an institution of its own to bridge East and West.

The problem, never surmounted, was to find the new institution a role. To get round the obvious objection that the EBRD would duplicate the work of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, a special niche in the aid market was invented. The EBRD was to be a catalyst for entrepreneurship and private sector investment. Most of its lending was to be for the private sector, for commercially viable projects and on commercial terms — but only where foreign or domestic investors could not be found. Since in Russia and Eastern Europe sound commercial investment opportunities are like gold dust, eagerly snapped up, it is hardly surprising that the EBRD has more money than it knows what to do with. Yet at the same time, it is too remote to fill the real gaps, which are in smallscale private investment, and too small to contribute more than marginally to such treasured projects of M Attali's as turning ex-Soviet swords into refrigerators. M Attali has compensated by constantly inventing grand new blueprints which he exhorts others to implement, and by beautifying his headquarters. In this he has been given disgracefully free rein by the EBRD's unwieldy governing board, whose 53 members are paid for, generously, by the bank.

The EBRD has done some good work, mainly as a centre of up to date information on Eastern Europe. This service should be expanded; lack of data is the most common complaint among potential investors. However wayward as chief executive, M Attali deserves credit for putting steady public pressure on Western governments to open up their markets to such products as food or steel, where the East has a competitive edge.

This is the kind of East-West bridge-building to which an essentially political institution can contribute. If the EBRD did not exist, there would be no reason to invent it. Since it does, the shareholders must impose far tougher auditing controls. And they should rethink its mandate, to bring it in line with the world outside its marble halls.

# A LOOKING-GLASS WORLD

## Japan's recession is the envy of its competitors

British ministers must be longing to suffer the economic problems of Japan. In Tokyo, where the country is suffering its worst recession since the oil crisis of the early 1970s, the government has just been able to announce its third recovery package in a year, worth $117 billion. It is to be spent mainly on public works and investment in education, health and social welfare. Moreover, the spending will make hardly a dent on public finances since the bulk of the money will come from the recent huge increase in individual savings deposited with the post office. In many respects, Japan is Britain through a looking glass. The problems have been caused by a combination of too much personal saving, too much corporate investment and too little public spending.

Japanese consumers have seen their wealth fall with the stock market, which now stands some 40 per cent below its peak of two years ago. As well as feeling poorer, they are less secure in their jobs, as the tradition of lifetime employment is gradually being eroded. The result has been a steep fall in personal consumption and a rise in savings.

This has come at a time when Japanese companies have been spending fortunes on investment, encouraged by near-zero interest rates and what had looked like eternally rising consumer demand. Unable to sell their goods at home, they have concentrated even harder on exports, and the trade surplus is now $111 billion, 26 per cent up on 1991. For 1993, the surplus is forecast to reach up to $160 billion.

Loud anti-Japanese noises have been emanating from the new administration in Washington, and the Japanese prime minister, Kiichi Miyazawa, is due to meet President Clinton later this week. The fiscal stimulus will have been designed to head off pressure from American trade negotiators to open up the Japanese market further.

Mr Miyazawa will argue that resumed growth in Japan will in itself increase demand for imports. But unless he insists that some of the money is spent directly on foreign goods it is hard to see how the surplus will be cut soon. Every single yen would have to go abroad to eliminate the surplus completely. But in practice most will go into domestic industry.

Other countries may hope that the high yen will help to deter exports and encourage imports. But Japanese industry has spent many years preparing for a 100 yen dollar (this week, the yen hit a post-war high of Y113) and exports are unlikely to suffer much from the exchange rate. What is needed is a year or two of real growth in personal incomes to boost imports. The lack of income tax cuts in yesterday's package was therefore puzzling, especially since, in Japan's looking-glass world, the socialists have been calling for such tax cuts and may use their absence as an excuse to impede the package's progress through the upper house.

Mr Clinton should be pleased that the Japanese government is doing something to stimulate its stagnant economy. The package is nearly seven times larger than the programme he recently announced. But he cannot expect his country's trade deficit with Japan to fall substantially until the quality and value of American goods starts to match those of Japan. In the long run, the problem is America's to solve.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## The drawbacks and benefits of pupil assessment tests

*From Lord Skidelsky*

Sir, I am not generally regarded as a friend of the present national curriculum assessment system. I have warned for years against bureaucratic overload, and the intellectual flaws in the model recommended in 1988 by the Task Group on Assessment and Testing, as well as the testing requirements for individual subjects. But I think a boycott of this summer's tests by teachers would be profoundly mistaken.

Reports from recent conferences of the teachers' unions suggest that delegates are critical not just of particular flaws which can and should be corrected, but of the public reporting of tests as such. The decision of the National Union of Teachers to ballot its members on the boycott of *all* this summer's tests at seven and 14, even those successfully introduced over the last two years (report, April 10), points irresistibly to this conclusion.

The gut issue seems to be not the quality of the tests but the use of testing to judge the effectiveness of schools. Teachers' representatives apparently reject the idea that schools should be accountable to parents and taxpayers for the education they provide.

Such a position is simply not tenable. It not only ignores the extensive discussion of the 1980s about how best to secure accountability in the public services; but it also ignores the specific crisis of confidence in educational standards and teaching practices first publicly expressed by Lord Callaghan, when prime minister, in a speech at Ruskin College in 1976.

The bedrock of education has to be the professionalism and good sense of teachers. But there can be no retreat from the principle of accountability. If the attempt to raise standards and improve choice in state schools is defeated, more and more parents will opt out from state education. Is that what teachers want?

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT SKIDELSKY
(Member, School Examinations and Assessment Council),
Tilton, Nr Firle, East Sussex.
April 12.

*From the Master of St Catharine's College, Cambridge*

Sir, It will not do for Mr John Patten to retreat to the politics of the 1970s by blaming the teachers' unions for his troubles. The introduction of the national curriculum and universal, standardised testing has undoubtedly provoked unworthy as well as principled opposition by those professionally involved in education. But the crucial issue is more important than the ideology of the National Union of Teachers or the efficacy of tests and the availability of resources.

For a decade we have witnessed an enormously significant shift in educational policy. In schools, as in universities, local autonomy and initiative, decentralised oversight and management of learning and assessing, have all been eroded in favour of central control of a homogenous system.

There are clearly arguments in favour of such a drastic assertion of financial *and intellectual* authority. But since a national system of education along continental lines is unprecedented in Britain, and since there has been so little serious discussion of the connections between it and the desired improvement in quality and efficiency, it is hardly surprising that this implicit agenda has given rise to so much disquiet.

Having failed to discuss the broader principles of his policy, which relate to the fundamental character of our society and constitution, Mr Patten cannot be surprised that there are deep misgivings about its practice at the level of curriculum and examination papers.

Yours faithfully,
BARRY SUPPLE,
St Catharine's College, Cambridge.
April 12.

*From Mr C. T. Ross*

Sir, Few people can follow the intricacies of the arguments over testing and the national curriculum; but the letter from Mrs Hannam (April 8), detailing the systematic discouragement of young people from attempting higher-level tests in case failure upset the statistics, fills me with horror.

Schools are not institutions for the employment of teachers, they are for the education of our children. The principal objective of education is to discover and nurture each young person's skills and help them develop them to the very best of their ability.

Any system that has the effect of positively discouraging young people from attempting to achieve their maximum potential is a shocking dereliction of our responsibility to the younger generation.

There are obviously many very intelligent people working on these problems. Clearly what is needed is a sharp dose of common sense.

Yours sincerely,
C. T. ROSS,
Mulberry House, 8 Mount Road,
Lansdown, Bath.
April 8.

*From the General Secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers*

Sir, Mr John Patten, whose views on the threatened "classroom revolt" you report today, is obviously more anxious to accuse unions of hidden agendas than to address the huge problems of workload and the sheer unmanageability of the national curriculum.

NAS/UWT was able to convince a High Court judge (Law Report, April 7) that it had a genuine trade dispute, reflecting long-running and carefully documented concerns conveyed to the School Teachers' Review Body and its predecessor, the Interim Advisory Committee.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL de GRUCHY,
General Secretary, NAS/UWT,
5 King Street, Covent Garden, WC2.
April 12.

*From Mr Graham Fenner*

Sir, Janet Daley (article, April 9) points the finger of blame for the current national curriculum impasse at quite the wrong people. She states that "the perversely time-wasting form of these tests — particularly in primary schools — was foisted upon the government by the teaching lobby", the implication being that a majority of practising teachers forced the government to adopt the current methods of assessment.

Whilst most teachers I know accept now the need for a national curriculum, I am not aware of any teacher who has advocated the present methods of testing and assessment.

May I suggest that the blame, if indeed that be the right phrase, lies not with the teaching profession as a whole but the government's education advisers. The difference is vital.

Yours faithfully,
G. FENNER (Headmaster),
Hawtreys Preparatory School,
Savernake Forest,
Marlborough, Wiltshire.
April 9.

## The navy's role after arms cuts

*From Mr Michael Chichester*

Sir, The expected cut of a further 5,000 in Royal Navy manpower (report, April 2) is one more example of the policy of the indiscriminate, Treasury-driven disarmament set in train by the disastrous "Options for Change" review in 1991.

In the various revisions of the originally envisaged force levels which have so far taken place, naval manpower has been cut by 10,000 (16.6 per cent), army strength increased by 3,000, whilst that of the Royal Air Force has remained unchanged at 75,000. Without further revisions by 1995 the RAF will be half as large again as the navy.

The destroyer and frigate fleet, already slimmed from 60 ships to 44, will be fortunate to retain 35, a cut of over 40 per cent from Cold War levels. There will be similar reductions in the submarine force.

Public outcry and new commitments have slightly alleviated the excessive cut of 25 per cent in the number of infantry battalions originally proposed. But the total of fixed-wing combat and transport squadrons will be cut by only some 13 per cent and of these air defence squadrons will be reduced from eight to seven.

This extraordinary imbalance in capabilities, especially between naval and air forces, cannot be justified by any reasoned assessment of future national security needs, likely threats, or the composition of the flexible and mobile forces we shall require to make cost-effective contributions to European defence or United Nations operations.

Your report predicts some rectification of this imbalance, but any further adjustments will be flawed unless they are based on a realistic assessment of the role of land-based air forces in future wars or, more likely, low-intensity operations, of the numbers and types of aircraft and helicopters needed, and of the best method of controlling and operating such forces in support of the other two services, especially the army.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL CHICHESTER,
The Mead House, Taynton,
Burford, Oxfordshire.
April 5.

*From Commander G. S. Tuckfield, RN (retd)*

Sir, Any appeal by Garry Streeter, MP, and Peter Griffiths, MP, to senior naval officers to try to stop the slide from 40 vessels to 35 (report, April 6) is doomed to failure.

I see their silence in face of the enemy as their personal insurance premium covering their pensions and their places in the honours list. So either shoot one to encourage the others or shoot the lot and save enough money for the five vessels we so badly need.

Yours faithfully,
G. S. TUCKFIELD,
9 Wheat Close, Hazelbury Bryan,
Nr Sturminster Newton, Dorset.
April 6.

## Contaminated land

*From the President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors*

Sir, Richard Burnett-Hall is right (letter, April 7) that the real problem which remains now that the government has abandoned its proposed registers is what should be done with land that is contaminated.

This institution campaigned against the registers, which we believed would have the effect of deterring not encouraging the treatment of contaminated land. But we have also put forward a strategy for dealing with the problem:

1. Land should be investigated for contamination whenever it is developed or redeveloped. The way to do this would be to make a land-quality statement an integral part of a planning application. Local authorities could then, if appropriate, impose clean-up conditions. All information about the site would be available for public inspection on the planning registers.

2. The new Urban Regeneration Agency should be given the necessary powers and resources to tackle severe cases of contamination. Without active intervention by a body such as the agency there will be major problems in developing areas such as the East Thames Corridor, around 20 per cent of which is reckoned to be contaminated.

3. Existing public health legislation must be rigorously enforced.

4. Local authorities should be encouraged to identify and treat contaminated land.

Yours etc,
CHRISTOPHER JONAS,
President, The Royal
Institution of Chartered Surveyors,
12 Great George Street, SW1.

## A matter of taste

*From Dr Andrew Bamji*

Sir, It would be a national disaster if Mr Egon Ronay lost his sense of taste, but his insurers have been canny if they are looking after only his taste buds (report, April 5).

Although I can think of drugs that would affect these, the commonest cause of loss of taste is damage to the olfactory nerve. Without smell, taste is not the same. Mr Ronay should check that his policy covers his nose.

Otherwise, given that the cribriform plate at the top of the nose, through which the olfactory nerves pass, is susceptible to damage in high-speed road accidents, he should perhaps avoid motorway driving.

Yours tastefully,
ANDREW BAMJI
(Consultant rheumatologist),
Frognal Centre for Medical Studies,
Queen Mary's Hospital,
Sidcup, Kent.

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## Troops in Bosnia

*From Mr David Howell, MP for Guildford (Conservative)*

Sir, In his article referring to me (April 7) Roger Boyes speaks of "the need for a large ground force, perhaps 20,000 men", to enforce the Vance/Owen plan and reverse Serbian conquests of Muslim territory.

This figure is probably a considerable underestimate. People "on the ground" talk of a minimum of 50,000.

Either way, the thought of deploying these tens of thousands in the Bosnian "sponge", with Serb ambitions unchecked and when the conditions for peace do not exist, whatever may have been agreed on paper, appals me.

I propose nothing so cavalier. What I do now urge is that "specific and carefully judged military action" (Lord Owen's words) is at this stage used to blunt and deter further Serbian expansionism — the key destabiliser — and create the minimum conditions in which parleying about territory can begin and peacekeeping conceivably work.

The present situation is completely untenable. The danger for our heroic troops helping equally heroic relief workers grows daily.

Refusal to act more decisively now guarantees being dragged in on even more impossible terms later, with no political solution, no agreed maps to police and no end to the consequent dangers and destabilisation for democratic Europe.

If Srebrenica now falls, in a welter of blood and slaughter, it will be a major step in the process of turning the collapse of communism into a defeat, not a victory, for the free world.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HOWELL,
House of Commons.
April 12.

## Opera house plan

*From Mr Alex Segal*

Sir, Simon Jenkins (article, April 3) portrays Westminster Council as the villain in the latest setback to the Royal Opera House redevelopment plans. This could not be further from the truth.

The council has gone to enormous lengths to support the Royal Opera House. We defended the overall redevelopment when the 1990 planning permission was challenged in the courts and we would be delighted to see that scheme proceed.

But if we are to be presented with the future Covent Garden in a piecemeal manner, it is only proper that each element is judged on its merits.

Covent Garden is home to more than the Royal Opera House. It is a conservation area with a significant number of important listed buildings. Any application for development of the Royal Opera House should enhance its setting. The 1990 scheme did so. The scheme we saw last week did not.

We have no intention of plunging the knife into the Royal Opera House, as the article implied. In fact, the latest planning application received exceptionally speedy processing and consideration.

We remain in close contact with the Royal Opera House to discuss how to resolve this complex issue, including the vital financial aspects, so that long overdue improvement can go ahead.

Yours faithfully,
ALEX SEGAL
(Chairman, Planning and
Development Committee),
City of Westminster,
PO Box 240, Westminster City Hall,
Victoria Street, SW1.
April 5.

## Lord Elworthy

*From Sir Frank Cooper and Sir Michael Quinlan*

Sir, Your obituary (April 6) of Lord Elworthy properly records his superlative achievements in the Royal Air Force as leader and planner. It is, however, mistaken to portray his years at the head first of his own and then of all the services as some sort of letdown.

They were indeed demanding times; painful choices had to be made and he enjoyed no more than anyone else the inter-service argument that sometimes surrounded them. But he recognised the underlying necessities of Britain's changing circumstances — driven by successive economic crises — and he played, without repining, the part in decision-taking for which his outstanding qualities fitted him.

His intellectual gifts were used to the full, and he fought hard for all three services. His personal integrity and generosity of spirit were, moreover, key factors in sustaining them through the changes.

He had unfailing modesty and humour, as well as cool nerve — not many in their late seventies would have taken up, at a moment's notice, a challenge to bungee-jump.

A few years ago we dined with him and his long-time friend, Leonard Cheshire, together. It is an equal compliment to each to say they were a remarkably like pair.

Yours sincerely,
FRANK COOPER,
MICHAEL QUINLAN,
Ditchley Park,
Enstone, Chipping Norton,
Oxfordshire.
April 6.

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## Voting reforms

*From Mr Bob Jones*

Sir, The supplementary vote system recommended to Labour by the Plant report on electoral reform (report, April 2; letters, April 13) would make so little difference to the overall result that, while being a small step in the right direction, it should rapidly be discarded in favour of a system giving a much better representation of voters' wishes.

First, a pat on the back to Labour for eventually commissioning such a project recognising that first-past-the-post has served the country badly. Professor Plant also produced a very detailed first report, of more than 100 pages, describing the pros and cons of the main possible alternative systems. However, his second report, just published, is much shorter.

The supplementary vote is similar in practice to the French one and we have recent evidence of the distorted results this produces — a landslide victory to the right from 44 per cent of the vote. Both are simplified forms of the alternative vote (AV) system, which is based on the present single-member constituencies and requires the voter to express preferences as 1, 2, 3, etc. Second choices are considered if no candidate has more than half of the "1" votes.

The system with least imperfections is, I believe, the single transferable vote (STV), which is an extension of AV to multi-member (usually four or five) constituencies, because votes are transferred, not wasted.

Yours sincerely,
BOB JONES (Secretary,
Derbyshire Electoral Reform Group),
16 Barden Drive, Allestree, Derby.
April 13.

## Bank robbers?

*From Mr John B. Dixon*

Sir, I have recently received from the credit card centre of my bank a letter signed by a person whose title was shown as "Manager, Fraud". Is this a new wave of organised crime?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN B. DIXON,
86 Valiant House,
Vicarage Crescent, Battersea, SW11.
April 12.

# COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE

April 13: The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, the Prince Philip Trust Fund for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, this evening attended a meeting of the trustees followed by dinner, Eton College, Eton, Berkshire.

By Command of The Queen, the Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the arrival of the President of the Republic of Lithuania and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

April 13: The Prince of Wales today attended the launch of the new organisation "Sustainable Farming Systems" at the University of Edinburgh, School of Agriculture Building, West Mains Road, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Commander Richard Aylard, RN, was in attendance.

## Birthdays today

The Earl of Chichester, 49; Miss Julie Christie, actress, 53; Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton, 62; Miss Susan Davies, photographer, 60; Sir John Gielgud, CH, actor, 89; Mr Gerry Gillman, trades unionist, 66; Mr Ivor Guest, ballet writer, 73; Lord Hastings, 81; the Right Rev Dr David Hope, Bishop of London, 53; Mr Julian Lloyd Webber, cellist, 42; Miss L.E.M. Mackie, former headmistress, City of London School for Girls, 67; Colonel Sir Robert Macrae, former Lord Lieutenant of Orkney, 78; Baroness Masham of Ilton, 58; Mr P.G.A. Ramsay, former controller, BBC Scotland, 67; Dr J.M. Roberts, warden, Merton College, Oxford, 65; the Ven R.H. Roberts, former Chaplain of the Fleet, 62; Mr David Skipper, former headmaster, Merchant Taylors' School, 62; Mr Rod Steiger, actor, 68; Miss Elizabeth Symons, trades unionist, 42; Sir Peter Thompson, president, NFC, 65; Mr George Walker, former chief executive, Brent Walker Group, 64; Baroness Warnock, 69.

## Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Geographical Association's centenary celebrations 1993, will open the centenary conference at Sheffield University at 10.55; as Patron of the Home Farm Trust, will visit the Fairthorn Scheme, Cemetery Road, Sheffield, at 1.10.

The Duke of Kent will visit Lucas Powertrain Systems, Stonehouse Industrial Estate, Stroud, at 11.20; will visit the Education Business Partnership Initiative at the Braun Direct Marketing Company, Phoenix Way, Cirencester, at 2.15; and will open extensions to Watermoor House, Watermoor Road, Cirencester, at 3.15.

Princess Alexandra will open the first phase of the Nithsdale Mills Development for Loreburn Housing Association at St Michael's Street, Dumfries, at 2.00, and will attend a ceremony to mark the incorporation of Dumfries and Galloway College of Technology, Heathhall, at 3.00.

## Marine Society

The 221st Annual Court of the Marine Society will be held at 11.45 on Wednesday, May 26, 1993, at The Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 1 High Street, Lambeth, when Professor Sir John Meurig Thomas, FRS, Deputy Pro-Chancellor, University of Wales, and Fullerian Professor of Chemistry, the Royal Institution of Great Britain, will give the address.

## Middlesex University

Baroness Platt of Writtle has been installed as the first Chancellor of Middlesex University. Lady Platt also received the first Honorary Doctorate of the University. Other Honorary Doctorates conferred during graduation ceremonies at Wembley Conference Centre went to Baroness Blackstone, Sir Raymond Rickett, Dr Peter Brinson, Mr Jeremy James Taylor, Mr Geoffrey Busby, Professor Duncan Rutter and Prebendary Eric Tinker.

## Oakham School

Summer Term at Oakham School begins today. The new Chapel Organ, built by Peter Collins, will be formally opened with a Recital by Peter Hurford on June 26. The School's contributions to the Oakham Festival will include performances by the Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra and the musical Show Home. Speech Day is on July 3 and the Guest of Honour will be Dr Peter North, Principal of Jesus College, Oxford. Old Oakhamian Day is Sunday, June 6.

## The Count of Barcelona

A Memorial Service for Don Juan de Borbón y Battenberg, Count of Barcelona, will be held at St James's Church, Spanish Place, London, W1, on Friday, April 16, at 11am.

## Charles Crawley

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Charles Crawley, Honorary Fellow of Trinity Hall, will be held at St Edward's Church, Cambridge, on Saturday, May 1, at 2.30 pm.

## Field Marshal Lord Alanbrooke

A statue of Field Marshal Viscount Alanbrooke is to be unveiled in Whitehall on May 25. Applications for tickets in writing only by April 21 to J. Phillips, Beechways, Green Lane, Wyton, Cambridgeshire, PE17 2AP.

## Latest wills

Sir Ernest Jones-Parry, of Brighton, East Sussex, executive director of the International Sugar Organisation 1965-78, and a former Director of Establishments at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food left estate valued at £169,781 net.



TED BATH

Marathon effort: spurred on by pupils, Christopher Helyer, headmaster of Salisbury Cathedral School, left, is joined by Sir John Tooley, as he trains for the London marathon this Sunday. Mr Helyer will keep entering races until he has raised £25,000 for a scholarship appeal of which Sir John is chairman

# Tool-making monkey helps build picture of early man

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A TOOL-MAKING chimpanzee is helping archaeologists to understand the very beginnings of human culture. Stone flakes made by Kanzi, a captive bonobo chimp *Pan paniscus*, became progressively more sophisticated and effective after he had learned the basic techniques by watching humans.

Dr Nicholas Toth says: "Our strategy has been to motivate Kanzi to want a sharp-edged cutting tool, to show him the basic principles of producing sharp stone flakes, and then to allow him to work out his own ways of producing his tools from an assortment of rocks provided."

Dr Toth and his wife, Dr Kathy Schick, are experts in early toolmaking, and are collaborating with Dr Sue Savage-Rumbaugh and her colleagues at the Language Research Center in Georgia where Kanzi was raised.

Kanzi has already become proficient in the use of symbols to communicate with his handlers, and seemed an ideal subject for this first collaboration between archaeologists and psychologists. The group report says: "After the first 18 months of the project, Kanzi has been able to master the basic skills required to remove simple flakes from stone cores using freehand, hard-hammer direct percussion, and then subsequently to use these flakes for cutting activities. His toolmaking has also involved his own innovation of throwing stones against a hard surface to initiate fracture.

"The stone artifacts produced by Kanzi can be directly compared to those of the Early Stone Age in order to assess the relative capabilities of the bonobo and early proto-human toolmakers." Such early species, including *Homo habilis* and *Australopithecus africanus* were the only hominids known between 2.5 and 2 million years ago, when the first stone tools were made in eastern Africa.

No other animal has demonstrated even casual involvement in deliberate stone flaking. Kanzi was tempted into toolmaking by showing him a box with a transparent lid, containing a food reward but closed by a rope. "He was shown how a stone could be fractured, and how the flakes produced could be used to cut the cord," the group report says. "After the first few demonstrations he was very interested in receiving a flake which he would then use to open the box."

Kanzi was then left with the baited box and some stones, only one of which was sharp enough to use. Within two days he had learned to select it, and he was then given his own pile of rocks and left to experiment. Over 11 weeks he made his own cutting tools on 16 occasions.

Gradually Kanzi developed a more sophisticated method, striking flakes from the edge of the core in the way that early human tools were made. His achievements so far, although "significant and rather startling", are still low in finesse compared with early man. Kanzi's use of force is less than ideal, however, this is may be due to muscular differences.

Source: *Journal of Archaeological Science* 20: 81-91.

# City to restore forgotten landmark

ONE of Edinburgh's best kept secrets, a reservoir on the Castle esplanade, is coming on the market.

Developers and architects are being invited to enter an international competition to identify the best use for the building, which can store 1.7 million gallons of water.

There has been a reservoir on Castlehill since 1674. The present building, which was erected in 1849, is no longer needed by Lothian Regional Council.

Keith Geddes, Lothian council leader, told a property sub-committee meeting yesterday that because of the building's history and location, the competition had been decided on to secure the best future for it. "We hope to attract the highest standard of entries," he said.

From the esplanade, the reservoir looks like a squat, single-storey building, but it is in fact some 220ft high in places. Mr Geddes added: "The majority of people don't know it's there."

# Church news

**Appointments**

The Rev Jeffrey Bell, Vicar, St Peter & St Paul, Buckingham (Oxford): to be Vicar, St Mark, Portsea (Portsmouth).

The Rev Paul A Burkitt, Vicar, Egton w Grosmont: to be Priest-in-Charge of St John the Baptist, Newington w St Mary & St Peter, Dairycoates and also part-time Chaplain to the Arts and Recreation in the Hull area (York).

The Rev William P B Carlin, Vicar of Chad, Stockton-on-Tees: to be Vicar of Hedworth (Durham).

The Rev Stella V Collins, Parish Deacon, Wilton w Netherhampton & Fugglestone and Rural Dean of Wylye & Wilton (Salisbury): to be also a Non-Residentiary Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

The Rev Michael Exell, Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity, Ryde & St Michael, Swanmore, Isle of Wight: to be Priest-in-Charge St Mary, Carisbrooke w St Nicholas-in-Castro, Isle of Wight (Portsmouth).

The Rev Pamela Fawcett, Honorary Curate, Repps Deanery: to be Honorary Curate in the Trunch Group of Parishes (Norwich).

The Rev John M Glasspool, Curate, Forest Gate, Emmanuel w St Peter, Upton Cross: to be Priest-in-Charge, Theydon Garnon, Team Vicar designate in the Epping Team Ministry and Chaplain of St Margaret's Hospital, Epping (Chelmsford).

The Rev Ian D Gomersall, Chaplain H M Prison, Full Sutton: to be also non-stipendiary Priest-in-Charge of Kexby w Wilberfoss (York).

The Rev W Giles Harris-Evans, Team Rector, Coventry East Team Ministry (Coventry): to be Vicar of Brighouse (Wakefield).

The Rev S Harrop, Priest-in-Charge, Emmanuel Church, Pokfulham & Senior Chaplain, St John's College, University of Hong Kong (Diocese of Hong Kong and Macao): to be Team Vicar and Industrial Chaplain in the Kidderminster Parish Church Team Ministry (Worcester).

The Rev Alan P Jeans, Curate, Parkstone St Peter w Branksea & St Osmund Team: to be Priest-in-Charge, Bishop's Cannings, All Cannings & Etchilhampton (Salisbury).

The Rev Roderick J Lee, Assistant Curate, Rushden St Mary & Rushden St Peter w Newton Bromswold: to be Priest-in-Charge, St Mark's Whitehills in the Kingsthorpe Team Ministry (Peterborough).

# Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Ortelius, cartographer of the first atlas, Antwerp, 1527; Christiaan Huygens, physicist, The Hague, 1629; William Henry Bentinck, 3rd Duke of Portland, prime minister 1783 and 1807-9, Bulstrode, Buckinghamshire, 1738; Peter Behrens, architect, Hamburg, 1868; Moritz Schlick, philosopher, Berlin, 1882; Edward Tolman, psychologist, West Newton, Massachusetts, 1886; Barbara Wootton, Baroness Wootton of Abinger, sociologist, Cambridge, 1897; Francois Duvalier, president of Haiti 1957-71, Port-au-Prince, 1907.

DEATHS: Richard Neville, "the Kingmaker", Earl of Warwick and Earl of Salisbury, killed at the Battle of Barnet, 1471; James Hepburn, 4th Earl of Bothwell, husband of Mary Queen of Scots, Draxholm, Norway, 1578; Thomas Otway, dramatist, Tower Hill, 1685; George Frederic Handel, composer, London, 1759; James Granger, biographer, Shiplake, Oxfordshire, 1776; William Whitehead, poet laureate 1757-85, London, 1785; Thomas Wright, prison philanthropist, Manchester, 1875; Louis Henri Sullivan, architect, Chicago, 1924; Vladimir Mayakovsky, poet and dramatist, committed suicide, Moscow, 1930; Ernest Bevin, foreign secretary 1945-51, London, 1951; Frederic March, actor, Los Angeles, 1975; Simone de Beauvoir, writer, Paris, 1986.

The Lancastrians defeated the Yorkists at the Battle of Barnet, King Henry VI deposed, 1471.

## Forthcoming marriages

**Mr P.D. Acland and Miss L.M. Raiman**
The engagement is announced between Piers, son of Sir John and Lady Acland, of Broadclyst, Devon, and Lucinda, daughter of Dr and Mrs John Raiman, of Highams Park, London.

**Mr A.G.W. Beor-Roberts and Miss C.M.A. Taylor**
The engagement is announced between Any, son of Mr and Mrs Gwyn Beor-Roberts, of Talachddu, Brecon, and Celia, elder daughter of Mr John Taylor, of Cricket St Thomas, Somerset, and Mrs Rosemary Taylor, of Benville, Dorset.

**Mr A.D.F. Campbell and Miss E.A. Chew**
The engagement is announced between Alastair, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Campbell, of Stepps, Glasgow, and Elisabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Leonard Chew, of Ivinghoe, Buckinghamshire.

**Mr D.N. Chastel de Boinville and Miss K.D. Mowbray**
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs G.N.P. Chastel de Boinville, of Walkern, Hertfordshire, and Kate, daughter of Sir John and Lady Mowbray, of Glemsford, Suffolk.

**Mr R.J. Dibley and Mrs R.E. Martin**
The engagement is announced between Richard Dibley, of South Kensington, London, and Elvira Martin, of Bogota, Colombia.

**Mr M.B. Nixon and Miss A.C. Robinson**
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Dr and Mrs Desmond Nixon, of Lagos, Portugal, and Alex, youngest daughter of Colonel and Mrs Michael Robinson, of Carleton Lodge, Pontefract.

**Mr J.R. Percival and Miss L. Faber**
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Percival, of London, SW1, and Laura, twin daughter of Professor and the Hon Mrs Michael Faber, of Glynde, Sussex.

**Mr J.N. Thornhill and Miss C.A. Giblin**
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs A.R. Thornhill, of Ashtead, Surrey, and Carol, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Giblin, of Billingham, Cleveland.

**Mr M.G. Wackett and Miss C.L. Burr**
The engagement is announced between Marcus, son of Mr Alan Wackett, of Chobham, Surrey, and Mrs Josephine Wackett, of Wandsworth Common, London, SW18, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James Burr, of Fetcham, Surrey.

**Mr P.W. Watson and Dr M. Kassimatis**
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr A.W. Watson, of Water Eaton, Staffordshire, and the late Mrs E.F. Watson, of Kensington, London, and Mando, daughter of Mr and Mrs V. Kassimatis, of Hampstead, London.

## Marriage

**Mr D.G. Mitchell Innes and Mrs C. Campbell**
The marriage took place at Camden Register Office on Thursday, April 8, between David, son of Mr and Mrs Alistair Mitchell Innes, and Connie, daughter of Mrs Constance Campbell and the late Ferdinand Campbell.

## Paintings found

Wall paintings which could be 14th century have been discovered by workmen at All Saints' Church, Longstanton, near Cambridge. A coat of arms and a "doom painting" are among finds.

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*We believe that Jesus died and rose again; so too will God bring those who died as Christians to be with Jesus. I Thessalonians 4:14*
Thurs 15th April

**BIRTHS**

**ATKINSON** - On 8th April, to Anna (née Thrower) and Charlie, a daughter, Lucinda Rose, a sister for Tom.

**AUSTIN-LITTLE** - On April 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Claire (nee Cotan) and Denzil, a son, Max, brother to Pia and Isobel.

**BAGNALL** - On 7th April, to Katy (née Rucki) and Charles, a daughter, Susannah Julia.

**BOWLBY** - On April 6th 1993, to Camilla (née Cookson) and Tony, a son, James.

**CAMPBELL** - On 6th April 1993, in Paris, to Elizabeth (née Bremridge) and Colin, a son, James Colquhoun, a brother for Laetitia.

**CARDONA** - On April 12th, in Greenwich, Connecticut, to Katie (née Winfield) and Christopher, a son, James Henry Peter, a brother for Alexandra and Victoria.

**FANE-SAUNDERS** - On April 8th at the Wellington Hospital, to Kilmeny (née Denny) and Terence, a fine son, a brother for Leonora.

**HASLEGRAVE** - On April 10th 1993, to Jane and Huw, a daughter, Eleanor Llewellyn.

**HOREYE** - On April 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Fiona (née Wylie) and Peter, a son, Sam Nicolai James, a brother to Christian Tom and Ollie. Ladies look out!

**HUMPHREYS** - On April 6th, to Juliet (née Rawson) and Martin, a daughter, Tatiana Rose.

**KHAYAT** - On April 12th, to Jana (née Weston) and Antoine, a daughter, Helena Mary Claire, a sister for George and Hamish.

**KUBER** - On April 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Linda (nee Gold) and Lloyd, a son, Matthew Lee. A wonderful brother for Marc.

**MARSTON** - On Tuesday 6th April, to Susan (née Wells) and John Marston, a son, Jeffery Samuel Nicholas (Sam).

**MESROBIAN** - On April 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Susan and Peter Mesrobian, a daughter, Claire Ireland, a sister for Michael and Mark.

**MILES** - On April 8th at St Mary's, Paddington, to Suzie (née Chauveau) and Nicko, a daughter, Katherine Rose, a sister for Lucy.

**BIRTHS**

**MUDIE** - On 6th April 1993, to Clare (née Frankum) and David, a son, James Robert Rutiven.

**PORTAL** - Louisa and Jonathan are delighted to announce the arrival of John Arthur Jonathan on 7th April 1993 - a brother for William and Robert.

**RAYNER** - On 6th April 1993, to Belinda (née Musprratt) and Jonathan, a son, Alexander.

**RIDDICK** - On 10th April 1993, to Sarah and Graham, a beautiful daughter, Rosannah Cecilia Mary (Bibs 2oz), a sister for George.

**RUSSO** - On 7th April in Durban, to Natasha and Theo, a daughter, Sasha.

**SILLETT** - On 9th April 1993, to Catharine (née Fisher) and Paul, a beautiful daughter, Emily Jane.

**STRUNCK** - On April 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Camilla (née Dobson) and Ronald, a daughter, Clara, a sister for Cosima.

**VERONIQUE** - On April 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Carol (née Brocker) and Maurice, a baby son, Andre Norman.

**WOODMAN** - On March 24th in Barcelona, to Marie Victoria (née Porter-Ortiz) and Jonathon, a son, Timothy William, a brother for Marc.

**ZWAR** - On 10th April, to Flossie (née Kea) and Jim, in Melbourne, boy and girl twins - a wonderful reward.

**DEATHS**

**ANNANDALE-STEWER** - On April 9th peacefully in hospital Harry in his 77th year. Beloved husband of Lilian and dearly loved and loving father of Diana (Dc'd) and Rosemary. Funeral Service at St Andrews Church, Bacton, Norfolk, on Friday April 16th at 2.30pm. Flowers or donations if preferred for the Macmillan Nurses may be sent c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich NR2 2PE.

**AUBREY-FLETCHER** - On 12th April 1993, suddenly, Audrey. Beloved wife of Lancelot and much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist, Bisley, on Tuesday 20th April 1993 at 3 pm.

**DEATHS**

**BALDWIN** - On April 11th 1993, peacefully at home, Jack Bouchier, D.S.C., aged 86 years. Beloved husband of Moyra, father of Michael and Peter. Funeral Service at Beckenham Crematorium on Friday April 16th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to RNLI, West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1HZ.

**BERRILL** - Major John Berrill (R.A.O.C. rtd.) suddenly at his home on April 11th aged 73 years. Much loved father of Jennifer, Martin, Lesley and Pauline. A loved grandfather and father-in-law of Clive and Jacqui. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Ashchurch, Glos, on Tuesday April 20th at 2.30 pm. Floral tributes may be sent to S. Sweet and Sons, Oldbury Road, Tewkesbury, Glos.

**BLACKMAN** - On Sunday April 11th peacefully at home surrounded by her family after a long fight against cancer, Anita, beloved wife, mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. Funeral Service and interment at St Andrew's Church, Evesham, on Friday April 16th at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations to St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree, Hereford HR1 4HA. Enquiries to B. Haweatt F/D, Ledbury (0531) 632084.

**BLACKLER** - Neville Stuart, on April 6th, aged 89 years. Husband of Rosamunde and father of Babette (Johnson), Primrose (Waterfall) and Robin Stuart. Cremation family only. Enquiries: (0684) 563616.

**BROOKS** - On April 11th 1993, in London, Timothy, dearly loved son of Ellen and the late Clifford and dear brother of Pat and Jane. Private funeral service on Thursday April 15th at Mortlake Crematorium at 9.30 am. Donations, if desired, to the Andrewes Ward Fund, St Bartholomew's Hospital, Smithfield, London.

**DEATHS**

**CARR** - On Easter Sunday, April 11th at Poole General Hospital, Dorset, Geoffrey aged 80 years. Beloved husband of the late Margaret (née Dunleig). Formerly of Wreay, Carlisle, then Rowa, Southern Rhodesia and recently of Canford Cliffs, Dorset. Funeral Service to be held at Poole Crematorium on Monday April 19th at 10.30 am. A service of remembrance will be held in Carlisle. Details later. No flowers by request, donations if desired for the British Heart Foundation may be sent to Tapper Funeral Service, 32/34 Parkstone Road, Poole, Dorset.

**CARROLL** - On April 10th, Captain Charles Lawrence Carroll, D.S.C., R.D., aged 85 years. Funeral Service and interment takes place today Wednesday April 14th. In lieu of flowers, donations if desired for Milford Church Renovations (cheques made payable to All Saints' Church P.C.C.) may be sent to Diamond and Son, Funeral Directors, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, SO41 9DN.

**CARTWRIGHT** - On Monday 12th April 1993, peacefully at home, Brigadier J.M.F. Cartwright C.B.E. in his 90th year. Funeral private, no flowers. Memorial Service to be arranged later.

**CHETWYND** - Margaret Agnes, peacefully on 11th April in her 94th year. Much loved by her son John and her many grandchildren. Funeral Service at Binsted Parish Church, Alton, Hampshire, at 12 noon on Wednesday 21st April. Enquiries to John Chetwynd (0420) 477127.

**CHURCHMAN** - On April 11th 1993, peacefully at her home in Suffolk, Violet aged 91 years. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Melton, on Friday April 16th at 2.30pm. Flowers or donations if desired for Suffolk Wildlife Trust to E.B. Button and Sons, 24 St Johns Street, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 1EB.

**CORNFORD** - Professor Christopher Francis of Cambridge, on 7th April 1993, aged 76 years. Cremation private, no flowers please. Memorial meeting to be arranged later.

**DEATHS**

**COWDEROY** - On April 10th 1993, suddenly at home, James Arthur aged 79 years. Greatly loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Lodsworth, Tiverton, on Friday April 16th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1H 4DH.

**CRAWLEY** - Donald, much loved husband, father and grandfather, peacefully at home on 9th April. Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, 19th April at 10 am. Donations please to Cancer Research Fund or Princess Alice Hospice, c/o A & E Longhurst, 21/23 Kingston Road, Ewell, Surrey.

**DALY LEWIS** - Nancy Ruth, widow of Ted (Judge Edward). Peacefully at home after a short illness, on 13th April 1993, dearly loved mother of Jane and Diana, grandmother of Lowaine, Bryony, Olivia, Mollie, James and Charlotte. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at 3 pm on Monday 19th April at Muthurst Parish Church. Donations if desired to MacMillan Service Midhurst, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, West Sussex.

**DAVIDSON-HOUSTON** - On April 12th, very peacefully at The Sue Ryder Home, Snettisham, Cicely (née Stockdale), aged 90. Adored and greatly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service at St Michael and All Angels, Middleton Tyas, North Yorkshire at 3.30pm, Friday April 16th. Donations in her memory may be sent to The Sue Ryder Home, Snettisham, King's Lynn, Norfolk where she has been cared for so wonderfully. No flowers please.

**EASTON** - At home on Saturday 10th April 1993 after a long illness borne with dignity and courage, William White, OBE. Dearly loved husband of Netta, dear father of Janice and William and loving grandfather of Harriet. Service on Thursday 15th April at 12 noon in Erskine Parish Church, Falkirk, thereafter to Falkirk Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu to Cancer Research Campaign.

**DEATHS**

**EDWARDS** - On 9th April 1993, suddenly at St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey after much suffering bravely borne, Cecily, aged 76. For 45 years beloved wife of John, mother of Julia, Rosemary and Christopher and much loved by her children, grandchildren and many friends. Funeral on Friday 16th April at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford, Surrey at 11 am, followed by cremation. Family flowers only: donations if desired to Christian Aid.

**FINLAYSON** - On April 8th, peacefully in Sherborne, Margaret Annan Scott aged 93 years, second daughter of Reverend Duncan Finlayson and Jane Macrae, Kinlochbervie, much loved sister of the late Dr. Isobel, formerly of Shoot-up Hill, London NW, Funeral Service Sherborne Abbey, Monday April 19th at 2 pm. No flowers please, donations if desired for Sherborne Abbey, c/o W.S. Brister and Son, Hound St., Sherborne, Dorset, tel: (0935) 812647.

**FOSBRAN** - On April 11th, peacefully, in her 100th year, Valorie, dearly loved mother of Robert and Derrik. Cremation on Monday 19th April at 3 pm at Golders Green Crematorium. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Age Concern.

**GRAY** - Suddenly on April 8th at her home on Hayling Island, Eugenie Eleanor, Widow of the late Col. Edmond Gray R.E.M.E., will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Funeral Service and Requiem Mass at St Patrick's Church, Hayling Island, on Tuesday April 20th at 11 am followed by interment in the adjoining churchyard. Flowers may be sent to Grady's Funeral Directors, 23 Mengham Road, Hayling Island, Hants.

**HAYWOOD** - On April 11th as the result of an accident in Uganda, Michael James, dear father of Thomas Rupert and Luke. Service of Thanksgiving at Newtonmore to be announced later.

**DEATHS**

**HEWITT** - On 8th April after a long illness courageously borne, Ella of Wothorpe, Stamford. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held at St Martin's Church, Stamford on Tuesday 20th April at 12.30 pm followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, Red Cross or Cancer Research.

**HURST** - On April 8th 1993, Elsie Vivienne of Puddletown, Dorset and formerly of Nettledon, Hertfordshire, peacefully at Winterbourne Hospital, Dorchester, aged 88 years. Cremation at Weymouth on April 19th. No flowers but donations if desired to the Donkey Sanctuary, Sidmouth, Devon or the Worldwide Fund for Nature c/o Woods (Dorchester) Ltd., 11A Icen Way, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1EW, tel: (0305) 262666.

**ILLINGWORTH** - F.G. 1919-1993. Died peacefully at Heaton Moor, Stockport, on Easter morning after a short illness. Details (061) 432-2131.

**LEE** - On April 8th 1993, peacefully in Oxford, Eileen, in her 91st year. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium on Saturday April 17th at 11.30am. Family flowers only, donations if wished to The British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH. All enquiries to The Co-operative Funeral Service, Oxford, tel: (0865) 748855.

**LEWIS** - On 12th April 1993, Winifred, aged 88, widow of Dr. Henry Lewis. Beloved by Kenneth, Neville, Jennifer and all of her family. Funeral at Hoop Lane Cemetery, 11am Thursday 15th April. Memorial Service at the West London Synagogue, 3 pm Sunday 25th April.

**LINDSAY** - Suddenly on 8th April 1993, David Thomas Lindsay F.B.C.S. aged 57 years. Much loved husband of Celia and father of Fiona. All enquiries about the funeral arrangements and all other related matters should be directed to The Co-operative Funeral Service, 34 James Street, Cambridge, tel: (0223) 357046.

**DEATHS**

**LOW** - On Good Friday, peacefully in Norfolk and formerly of Blakeock, Wigtownshire, Mary Katharine (Monnie). Cherished widow of Alastair Petrie Low and much adored mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. Funeral at St Faith's Crematorium, Norwich, at 2 pm on Tuesday April 20th. Donations if desired to the National Trust for Scotland via Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich NR2 2PE.

**LUFF** - On Good Friday 9th April 1993, Isaac Henry 'Ike' aged 78 peacefully in Dorking Hospital, Husband, father and grandfather much loved and missed. Funeral at St Barnabas' Church, Ranmore Common, near Dorking, at 12.15 pm Friday 16th April 1993 followed by cremation. No flowers by request but donations for Action Research gratefully received via the funeral directors Sherlocks, Trellis House, Dorking, Surrey.

**MACDONALD** - On April 9th 1993, Lt. Col. Gordon McKenzie MacDonald O.B.E., late 2nd KEO Goorkhas (The Strmoor Rifles), peacefully in hospital after a long illness borne with quiet courage and dignity. A much loved brother, uncle and great-uncle. Service at Bournemouth Crematorium at 2 pm on Tuesday April 20th. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Gurkha Welfare Trust, or The MacMillan Unit at Christchurch Hospital, Christchurch, Dorset.

**MACLAGAN** - Agnes on April 10th 1993 aged 90. Widow of Professor N.F. Maclagan, much loved mother of Jenny and Andrew, grandmother of Alison, Clare, Katherine, Duncan and Sara. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on Tuesday 20th April 3 pm. Family flowers only, donations may be made to St John's Hospice, Grove End Road, London NW8.

**OLSWANG** - Alfred 10th January 1910 - 13th April 1993, of Harrogate, peacefully after a short illness, much loved and respected husband, father, grandfather and friend.

**DEATHS**

**POULTON** - On April 7th 1993, peacefully at Winchester Hospital after a short illness, Margaret (née Pulsford). Formerly of Ightham, Kent.

**PRITCHARD** - On April 12th, peacefully at Bleasby, Nottinghamshire, Alice Sara in her 87th year. Private funeral at Bleasby Church, Monday April 19th at 10.30am, followed by cremation. Memorial Service Saturday May 1st, 2.30pm at Bleasby Church.

**RAMSDEN** - On April 7th, peacefully after a long illness. Joy (née Clarke), wife of late W.M. Ramsden M.D. Funeral Service Jevington Parish Church, 20th April at 12.45 pm. No flowers.

**ROBERTS** - On Good Friday, peacefully, Roy Ernest James Roberts C.B.E., aged 64 years, of Tikenham Chase, Chestover. Dearly loved by his parents, Wendy, Sandra and all his family. Private cremation followed by Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary with St Peter's Church, Tidenham, Friday April 16th 1993, 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if so desired for The John Grooms Association for the Disabled may be sent to Philip Bletchly & Son, 5 Station Road, Chepstow, Gwent, tel: Chepstow 624939.

**SAUNDERS** - John passed peacefully away at home on Monday 12th April, aged 82. Beloved husband of Morag and father of Robert, Alice and Ann. The funeral service will take place at Horley Parish Church, near Banbury, on Tuesday 20th April at 2.30 pm, followed by burial in the churchyard. Family flowers only please but donations for the Horley Church may be sent to J & M Humphris, Albert Street, Banbury, Oxon OX16 8DG.

**SCHON** - Trudie. On 11th April, peacefully at home, Trudie Schon, beloved wife of Frank, Lord Schon of Whitehaven and much loved mother of Susan and Yvonne. No flowers. Donations if desired to the Alzheimer's Disease Society, Gordon House, 10 Greencoat Place, London SW1P 1PH.

**DEATHS**

**STEPHENS** - On 7th April peacefully at the Southern Clinic, Reigate, Margaret Emilie (née Court), dearest mother of Elizabeth and Helen and beloved grandmother of Stephen. Requiem at 11 am on Tuesday 20th April at St Mary the Virgin Buckland, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but donations for the R.N.L.I. c/o Stevenson Funeral Service, Doman Court, Reigate Road, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 6AZ.

**TUBBS** - (née Maude). On Easter Day April 11th 1993, Joyce, beloved wife of Martin, mother of Julian, Carolyn, Charles, Nicholas and Mark, Grannie to Philippa, Vikki, Alexander and Elliott. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Gunthorpe, Notts, at 12 noon on Tuesday April 20th followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations for Gunthorpe Church Building Fund may be sent c/o A.W. Lynn, Robin Hood House, Robin Hood Street, Nottingham.

**WALKER** - On April 12th, Angela, Lady Walker, much loved mother of Victor, at her home in Jersey after a brave fight against cancer. Funeral at Gouray Church on 16th April at 11.45 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only by request, donations in lieu if desired to Jersey Hospice Care c/o Mr Ian Richardson, Reads and Co., Union Street, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. All enquiries to H.W. Mallard and Son (0534) 37291.

**WEAVERS** - On Easter Morning April 11th 1993, Henry Sidney aged 65, after years of illness cheerfully and courageously borne. Kind loving and treasured husband of Lois, dearest father of Susan, Jane, Gillian and Mary, dear grandfather of ten and caring friend to so many. Service at St Botolph's Church, Cheveneke, Sevenoaks, 2 pm Friday 16th April 1993. All friends welcome. Flowers may be sent to Funeral Directors W. Hodges & Co., 89 St John's Hill, Sevenoaks, tel: (0732) 459522.

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# OBITUARIES

## VICE-ADMIRAL LEVERING SMITH

**Vice-Admiral Levering Smith, the US Navy officer who oversaw the development of America's Polaris missile programme, and advised on the British one, died in San Diego on April 5 aged 83. He was born in Joplin, Missouri, on March 5, 1910.**



Packing punch: a Polaris missile soars skywards after its launch from a submerged submarine off Cape Canaveral

WITH Hyman G. Rickover, father of the nuclear submarine, Levering Smith is one of the twin pillars of the concept of underwater-launched, intercontinental ballistic missiles, which fundamentally altered the nature of global strategy. The advent of nuclear propulsion transformed the submarine of the second world war, unable to stay submerged for long periods, into a true undersea animal. Armed with a rocket capable of striking at population centres in continental landmasses while it remained hidden beneath the sea, such a submarine became a weapon which added a new dimension to the notion of nuclear deterrent. It simply became impossible to sustain the idea of a successful "first strike" against large numbers of such an adversary, which might be prowling anywhere in the oceans of the world. The launch of the first Polaris missile from a submerged submarine was a moment in which all strategists recognised the sudden and unassailable pre-eminence of sea power.

Unlike Rickover, whose abrasive personality tended to mask his undoubted brilliance and made him his own worst enemy when it came to recommending his brainchild to the US authorities, Smith got on well with people. As technical director of the US Polaris programme from 1959, he played a major role in getting the Polaris system into the US fleet in the early 1960s.

Thus, when it was agreed, in 1963, by Harold Macmillan, the prime minister, and President John F. Kennedy that Britain should have its own Polaris deterrent, carried in nuclear-powered submarines, Smith was the ideal choice as project-officer for the joint programme. A man who liked Britain, he got on well with his Royal Navy counterparts and made every effort to ensure that the programme was a thoroughly joint one, with technical advice, help and encouragement freely available from the American side. He was respected in the United Kingdom as a man of profound technical knowledge of his subject. These qualities were a major factor in enabling the British Polaris submarine fleet to be operational on time and within budget in the late 1960s (no mean feat in matters of defence equipment procurement) and earned him appointment as an Honorary KBE by a grateful British government in 1972.

Levering Smith went to the US Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1928 and after passing through it had two sea appointments before returning to take a postgraduate course in 1938. He was later at the Bureau of Ordnance in Washington and specialised as a gunnery officer.

When war came to America in December 1941 Smith was serving as executive officer of USS *Bulmer*. She was a destroyer serving with the mixed Dutch, British, American and Australian force which had been assembled in the Dutch East Indies to counter Japanese naval forces there, under the command of the Dutch admiral, Karel Doorman. In February 1942 *Bulmer* was so badly damaged by a bomb from a Japanese aircraft that she had to break off and steam to Australia for repairs. Thus she was one of the few US destroyers to escape the fate of the rest of Doorman's force which was annihilated by the Japanese in the calamitous battle of the Java Sea.

It was by no means the end of Smith's war, however. As a gunnery officer he was fully employed thereafter during the Pacific campaign. This called for constant gunfire support from naval ships for US troops fighting their way on to heavily defended beaches as they resolutely island-hopped their way back up the Solomon Islands and New Guinea towards the Philippines and the Marianas.

As gunnery officer of the heavy cruiser *Indianapolis* from February 1943 to September 1944, he took part in most of the major battles of this campaign in which *Indianapolis's* main and secondary armaments — nine eight-inch and 12 five-inch guns — played their part in the suppression of Japanese shore defences.

But in September his participation in the "hot" war was finally ended when he was recalled to the Bureau of Ordnance in Washington to take over research in rocket propellants and chemical warfare. From 1947 to 1954 he was first deputy and then head of the Rockets and Explosives Department and from May 1954 was at the White Sands missile testing ground in New Mexico, where much of the early postwar evaluation of the German V2 had taken place. Now it was the evaluation of the Jupiter liquid-fuelled rocket, in the context of future ship-launched designs, which gave the final shape to the solid-fuel Polaris missiles for the US Navy.

After 1959, under a succession of different titles, he was closely involved in the development and operational deployment of, successively, the Polaris, Poseidon and Trident missile systems, until his retirement in 1977.

Besides his numerous wartime combat medals, Smith received, in 1961, the American Distinguished Service Medal (not to be confused with the Royal Navy's medal of the same name), a very high award for service work outside combat. This was given for his work on solid propellants. Ten years later he received a Gold Star (much the same as a Bar) in lieu of a second such award. This acknowledged his contribution to the Poseidon programme.

Levering Smith leaves his widow, Beulah. There were no children.

## MILAN M. VUITCH

**Milan M. Vuitch, a doctor who was instrumental in making abortion legal in the United States, died after suffering a stroke in Washington on April 6 aged 78. He was born in northern Serbia in 1915.**

IN THE years before 1973, when the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Roe v. Wade established the constitutional right of American women to obtain an abortion, Milan Vuitch was not the only doctor terminating pregnancies illegally, but he was one of the very few to admit it. Performing thousands of abortions each year, principally at his clinic in Washington, he openly challenged law-enforcement authorities and the medical profession.

Working through a network of abortion-rights advocates in New York, Vuitch provided women in need with a service that was both safe and affordable; albeit illegal. His fees varied from $100 to $200 — miniscule in American terms — though he had raised them to $300 by the time he retired in the mid-1980s.

"Women cry for help, and doctors just chase them away," he once said. "I'm getting rid of medical absurdities. If you think that abortion is a medical service, you can't ignore it."

Vuitch was arrested 16 times, in Maryland, Washington and Virginia, but he never served time in jail. In 1969, seeking to bring matters to a head, he challenged the constitutionality of the District of Columbia's abortion law.

The law, which dated from 1901, differed from most others in permitting abortions necessary to preserve a pregnant woman's life or health. Most other jurisdictions at that time did not permit "health" as an exception. Through his lawyers, Vuitch contended that the DC law was unconstitutionally vague, because it subjected doctors to criminal prosecution without providing guidance on what the "health" exemption meant. He won the case when Judge Gerhard Gesell, who himself died in February, agreed with him that a doctor's professional judgment, made in good faith, should not be challenged. It was the first federal court decision to find an abortion law unconstitutional, and though the ruling was subsequently overturned by the US Supreme Court in 1971, it provided the momentum which led to Roe v. Wade.

Born into a Serbian peasant family, Milan Vuitch won a full scholarship to the University of Budapest and received his medical degree in 1939. During the second world war he was taken prisoner by the Nazis, and later by American troops.

After the war he returned to Yugoslavia to practise surgery and gynaecology, later marrying an American, Florence Robinson, who helped him to emigrate to the US in 1955.

## FEYYAZ FERGAR

**Feyyaz Kayacan Fergar, poet, writer, translator, broadcaster and sculptor, died in London on April 5 aged 73 from a heart attack. He was born in Istanbul on December 19, 1919.**



FEYYAZ Fergar left an indelible, though rarely acknowledged, mark on European poetry and letters. He wrote in English, French and Turkish, and he enjoyed numerous generous friendships with fellow artists throughout the Continent. His passionate views on the poetry of the past two decades were particularly sane.

He was born in Istanbul into a comfortable, francophile family who wanted him to become a diplomat, his maternal uncle being ambassador to Washington. He was thus sent to the Jesuit-run Lycée St Joseph, whose priests "taught me honesty, though not religion". They also taught him a love of French poetry and by the age of 16 he had published a slim volume of his own, *Les Gammes insolites*. It was received rapturously by the local French-language press.

A minor emotional shock followed, when, having grown up in an atmosphere of Turkish nationalism, he discovered that his father had hidden his Armenian origins from him. He also accused his mother of belittling Turkish literature through ignorance, of wanting "to bring us up like foreigners in our own country".

He was subsequently sent to Paris to study politics, but the German invasion of France interrupted the family's plans and his education was switched to King's College, a branch of Durham University at Newcastle upon Tyne, where he founded two small magazines, *Fulcrum* and *Dint*, the titles suggested by his friend James Kirkup.

There, another volume of his French poetry, *Gestes à la mer*, was published by Alex Comfort. It was labelled surrealist when the surrealist circle in London led by E. L. T. Mesens and Jacques Brunius leapt to its defence, though Fergar himself could not comply with set rules. "Poetry has to make sense", he used to say. "It's like a vehicle. It picks you up at point A and takes you to points B and C... A poem is an argument. It must be well conducted".

During the war, Fergar started contributing to the programmes of the BBC's Turkish-language section and afterwards joined it as a staff member. In 1957 his wife Jula Ellis, with whom he had two children, died after suffering for four years from cancer. "All I could do was to watch with benumbed fury", Fergar said later. But he also "got fed up with death and changed the subject". The joy of living permeates almost all his later poems:

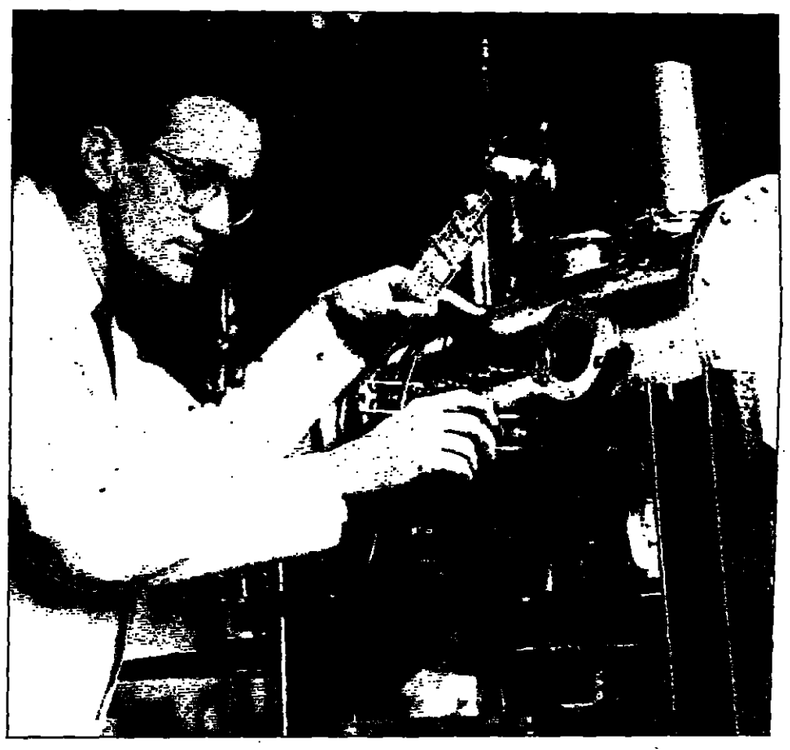
*Every day now brings brightly*
*Something to wonder at,*
*something to hold dear.*
*I look at a woman*
*As if in timeless standing*
*ovation*
*And it is another season,*
*another depth.*
*Apple of my heart, she thrives*
*In the thrilling core of my eyes*
*On her way to deepest stations*
*of love.*

Fergar began to write poems in his native Turkish after he became a British citizen, as if in repentance. But he had previously published a book of short stories about the London Blitz, which won him acclaim in Turkey, a translation of T. S. Eliot's *Four Quartets*, of which he was particularly proud, and a novel, *The Garden in the Child*. In English, he leaves behind a volume on Modern Turkish Poetry, and his first collection of poems, *A Talent for Shrouds*. A second volume is due out later this year. He was also a sculptor of note.

To avoid any embarrassment to the BBC, Fergar resorted to the pen name Kayacan in much of his writing. From 1974 to 1979 he was the head of the Turkish Section, retirement from which seems to have put new vigour into the poet. In 1987, he founded the magazine *Core*. He is survived by his second wife, Mary Saunders and six children.

## POLYKARP KUSCH

**Polykarp Kusch, who won the 1955 Nobel Prize in physics for his contribution to understanding of the internal mechanism of the atom, died after a long illness at his home in Dallas, Texas, on March 20 aged 82. He was born in Blankenburg, Germany, on January 26, 1911.**



WHEN asked the monetary value of his ground-breaking discovery, which laid the basis for a new branch of physics called quantum electrodynamics, Polykarp Kusch jokingly assessed it at "about 13 cents".

In fact, it turned out to be rather more, though the value of the Nobel Prize at that time was a mere $36,720 — and he had to share it with Dr Willis Lamb of Stanford University, who had achieved the same results in independent experiments.

What the two men had done was to determine the magnetic moment of the electron, a tiny particle of electrically-charged matter revolving in an orbit around the nucleus of the atom. By shooting a stream of hydrogen atoms through a magnetic field formed by large iron magnets, and measuring the degree to which they were deflected, they were able to calculate the magnetic role played by each atom's lone electron.

The experiments disproved the calculations of Dirac, who had won the Nobel Prize in 1933 for his own work on the magnetic moment of electrons. Within two years of Kusch's 1947 announcement of his results, they had led to the new science of quantum electrodynamics, by which theoretical physicists were able to explore the influence of matter upon space.

Kusch, the son of a Lutheran missionary, had been taken to the United States as an infant and spent the first few years of his life moving from town to town in the Mid-West. After the family finally settled in Cleveland, Ohio, he gained a science degree from the Case School of Applied Science, later getting a PhD from the University of Illinois, where he taught for some years.

Though most of his fellow-students were taking engineering, the young Kusch never doubted his course of study. "From the start I felt more adapted to physics," he said later. "To me engineering was a matter of cook-books and heavy economic motivations."

With the outbreak of the second world war Kusch joined the radiation laboratory of the National Defence Research Committee, working on the high-frequency oscillators that were to have important applications in the field of radar.

He moved to Bell Telephone Laboratories in 1944, spending two years on the development of vacuum tubes and microwave generators, and then joined the faculty of Columbia University where he taught until 1971 before moving to the University of Texas at Dallas. He retired in 1982.

Polykarp Kusch is survived by his wife and five daughters.

## Oung Mean Candavanno

THE Venerable Oung Mean Candavanno, spiritual leader of the Cambodian diaspora, died of a heart attack on March 16 aged 66. Oung Mean was born on March 13, 1927 in Kbal Chroy, near Phnom Penh.

He became a monk at the age of 14, later studying Buddhism in Cambodia, Thailand, Burma, India and, in this country, at the University of Manchester. In 1978 he joined Cambodian refugees in America who had settled around Washington.

Under his leadership, a Buddhist pagoda, the most important Khmer temple outside Cambodia, was built in Silver Spring, Maryland, so that Khmers could continue to practise their religion.

## Antonio Jose Saraiva

ANTONIO Jose Saraiva, Portugese historian, died on March 17 aged 75. He was born in Leiria, Portugal, on December 31, 1917.

A fervent opponent of the fascist dictatorship that ruled Portugal for 48 years, Saraiva went into political exile in Paris in 1961, after serving a term of imprisonment for his political beliefs. He then taught in Amsterdam before returning to Lisbon after the left-wing bloodless coup in 1974. He wrote books, mostly on Portuguese literature and culture.

Saraiva's brother, Jose Hermano, was Portugal's education minister during the student uprisings of 1968. He is survived by his wife and three sons.

## WOMEN TO VOTE AT 21.

WESTMINSTER, Wednesday.

Prolonged consideration of the franchise question has led the Government to the simplest decision.

The Prime Minister announced today that a Bill would be brought in next Session to equalize the franchise at the age of 21. He added that there would be no redistribution of seats, and indicated that if the new voters wished to be quite sure of being on the register at the next General Election, it would be necessary for the Government to stay in office for its full term. This meant a minimum of disturbance in the present electoral law, the only incidental topic which he welcomed being the question of election expenses involved by the increase of voters. Finally he implied that the new Bill would be one of those brought up for its second reading before Christmas this year.

(From Our Parliamentary Correspondent)

The general impression among Conservative members of the House of Commons last night was that the decision to extend the Parliamentary franchise to women on the same terms as men at 21 years of age had become inevitable in view of the march of events since the last General Election — though a section of them will continue to doubt the wisdom of the new departure. Had Mr Baldwin announced that the vote would be given to women at 25 years of age, and that men would not be admitted to the franchise in future until they attain that age, the decision would have been approved by most of those who question the desirability of the step that has been taken. On the other hand, the decision will be loyally accepted by the Party, and the Bill will meet with very little opposition when it is presented to Parliament.

It is computed that the extension of the franchise will bring an addition to the register of nearly five million voters, and that in 70 per cent of the constituencies the women electors will outnumber the men.

The Prime Minister's statement yesterday made it clear that no question of redistribution arises. The Act of 1918 provided for redistribution on the basis as far as possible of one member for every 70,000 of the population, and this position is obviously unchanged by the extension now proposed. The Labour Party agree with this decision on the ground that the vote is not given to a new class of electors, as was the case in 1918, when women were enfranchised for the first time.

There are considerable differences of opinion as to the effect which the proposal will have upon the political fortunes of the parties, though it is agreed that to some extent the change must be a leap in the dark.

One point which will certainly cause anxiety is the increased cost of a General Election. The expenses of the Labour members at the last election varied from £75 in some of the Scottish constituencies to £1,000 in some of the larger county divisions. There is a good deal of support for the suggestion recorded in *The Times* yesterday that a candidate should be allowed to send two communications through the post to the electors without charge, instead of one, as at present.

## ON THIS DAY

### April 14 1927

*By 1918 women aged over 30 had the right to vote. In 1927 Stanley Baldwin announced that a bill would be brought in granting the right for both men and women to vote at 21.*


# PERSONAL

**MEMORIAL SERVICES**

**CHEATER** - Irena. Services of Thanksgiving at St Mary Magdalene, Launceston, on April 23rd at 2.30 pm and St Saviour's, St Albans, on May 5th at 3.30 pm.

**LUMSDEN** - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Jock Lumsden (Uppingham School and St Martins) will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Northwood, on Saturday 1st May 1993 at 11am. (Enquiries to St Martins 0923 825740 after 21st April.)

**SCOTT** - A Memorial Service for the life of Geraldine Amelia Scott will be held at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Hambledon, Hampshire, on Wednesday 28th April 1993 at 11.30 am.

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## NEWS

### Thatcher attacks Bosnia policy

■ Baroness Thatcher attacked British and international policy towards Bosnia, accusing Western leaders of being accomplices to the massacre of thousands of innocent people.

She said the Serbs should be given a deadline for accepting the Vance-Owen peace plan and, if they refused, the West should arm Bosnian Muslims. She denounced as "disgraceful" Douglas Hurd's remarks that arming Muslims would create a "level killing field" ..... **Pages 1, 12, 16**

### Hong Kong talks to resume

■ Britain and China called a truce after six months of bitterness and agreed to talks on the future of Hong Kong. In a deal hailed by Chris Patten, the colony's governor, as "a victory for common sense", the two governments will resume discussions next week ..... **Pages 1, 10**

### Attali defended

Norman Lamont defended the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and its president, Jacques Attali, over his spending and management style. The bank, set up two years ago to lend money to eastern Europe, has spent an estimated £200 million on start-up and running costs **Pages 1, 2, 16, 17**

### Climbers missing

Cloud and blizzards hampered a search by Russian rescue helicopers and mountaineers for four British climbers and their local guide missing on an adventure holiday in the Caucasus mountains ..... **Pages 1, 3**

### Teaching strike

The National Union of Teachers headed for another dispute with the government as conference delegates voted for pay strikes and a ballot on boycotting teacher appraisal ..... **Pages 1, 2, 17**

### Dance shooting

Two men were being questioned by police after a man was shot in a crowded dance hall in west London on Monday night. Earlier, police had been pelted with bricks and tear gas canisters outside the hall ..... **Page 3**

### Housing survey

A *Times* survey shows that, in the reawakening housing market, it is easier for vendors to obtain their asking price on houses newly on the market. Properties on sale for some time continue to fall in price ..... **Page 5**

### Lorry ban

Heavy goods lorries could be barred from the Channel tunnel because of a dispute over the safety of rail wagons on which they will be carried ..... **Page 6**

### Glad to be green

Michael Howard believes his free-market ideas can suitably be applied to the environment. He enthuses about green issues to Peter Riddell ..... **Page 8**

### Police plaudits

To many Los Angeles residents, the villain of the riots after the first Rodney King trial was Daryl Gates, the former police chief. If a hero is to emerge from the second, it will be Willie Williams, his successor ..... **Page 10**

### State of Russia

Michael Binyon, *Times* diplomatic editor, starts a trip through the Russian heartland to test opinion in the run-up to the April 25 referendum on President Yeltsin's powers. His first stop is Kursk ..... **Page 12**

### Franco's heirs

José Maria Aznar, leader of Spain's conservatives, launched his campaign for an election that could see the return of the first right-wing government since the days of Franco ..... **Page 13**

### Andreotti denial

Giulio Andreotti denied allegations that he had colluded with the Mafia, and challenged magistrates to produce hard evidence against him ..... **Page 13**

### *Jobless offered glimmer of hope*

■ More companies are planning to hire workers than fire them over the next few months — the first time the balance has been positive for 3½ years — a nationwide survey of 2,000 managing directors, published today, says. Meanwhile, the stock market reacted enthusiastically to Japan's attempts to stimulate its economy ..... **Pages 1, 17, 21, 23, 24, 25**

ROBIN MAYES



Funny business: Stoney Broke, left, Alexis, centre, and Timoni at auditions in Highbury Fields, north London, yesterday for 12 circus apprenticeships being organised by Zippo's all-human circus. Alexis, a former decorator, already works for the troupe

## BUSINESS

**Japanese boost:** Japan is to inject about £79 billion into its ailing economy, seven times more than President Clinton is seeking in America, raising hopes that it can boost recovery in other industrialised nations ..... **Page 21**

**Flawed model:** Professor Tim Congdon, one of the government's "seven wise men", says that current economic forecasting models are unsatisfactory ..... **Page 21**

**Markets:** As the Stock Exchange confirmed that the level of share dealing reached a six-year high in March, the FT-SE 100 index rose 25 points to 2,846.8. Sterling rose 3.32 cents to $1.5590 and 1.01 pfennigs to DM2.4643 ... **Page 24**

## SPORT

**Gymnastics:** The world championships have begun in Birmingham with competitors from 55 countries. Word is that a Briton, Neil Thomas, has a genuine chance of winning a medal ..... **Page 38**

**Football:** Vinnie Jones, the Wimbledon midfielder, has been suspended for four matches and fined £1,000 by the Football Association for reaching 41 disciplinary points this season ..... **Page 40**

**Cricket:** The Pakistanis left Grenada after drugs charges against four players had been dropped, but there were signs that they will be ill-prepared for the Test against West Indies which begins in Trinidad tomorrow ..... **Page 40**

## FEATURES

**Spectacular start:** Betty Boothroyd's style combines the glamour of a minor diva with the bearing of a kindergarten headmistress and the lip of a barmaid. Matthew Parris gives his impressions of Madam Speaker's first year ..... **Page 14**

**Hard realities:** Don't let your daughter do design, Mrs Worthington — not if she's harbouring any ideas about a life of glamour and wealth ..... **Page 15**

## MEDIA

**Bedding down:** You can win an ITV franchise bid, then lose the ratings game. Andrew Davidson takes a look at how the victors are doing ..... **Page 28**

## ARTS

**Question of taste:** There is nothing new about theatrical adaptations. But, argues Benedict Nightingale, maybe we are taking things too far, as the RSC's production of *A Jovial Crew* shows ..... **Page 29**

**Brook strikes again:** Peter Brook has long accustomed his audiences to being swept off to strange places. With his production of *L'Homme Qui* in Paris, he takes them into the human brain ..... **Page 29**

**Perfect partnership:** The conductor Kurt Masur has found a new home with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra and both sides are delighting in the relationship. Now Masur has brought his orchestra to London ..... **Page 30**

## PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



**Janusz Walus appeared in court accused of murdering the South African Communist leader Chris Hani. He was remanded in custody Page 10**



**Betty Boothroyd combines a gracious smile with a sharp tongue. Matthew Parris assesses her first year as Madam Speaker Page 14**



**The divorce lawyer Marvin Mitchelson was sentenced to 30 months in prison for tax evasion and ordered to pay $2 million restitution Page 10**

## THE TIMES TOMORROW

### Legal tips for travellers

■ Thousands of firms offering package tours are trading illegally. Peter Victor reports on how to protect your holiday

### Tripping down memory lane

■ What do LSD and modern psychiatric research have in common? Louis Appleby on the fiftieth anniversary of the mind-expanding drug

### Hoffman the celluloid hero

■ Geoff Brown reviews the week's big cinema releases, including *Accidental Hero*, directed by Stephen Frears and starring Dustin Hoffman

## TV LISTINGS

The former *Golden Girls*, minus the married Dorothy, start a new life and a new series running a Miami hotel. *The Golden Palace* (Channel 4, 10pm) ..... **Page 39**

## OPINION

### A bar to justice

When Lord Shawcross introduced legal aid in 1949, the Labour government hailed it as a "charter for the little men" which would make justice available to all. Forty-four years later, legal aid has been cut by Lord Mackay of Clashfern and critics claim that the "little men" have been grievously betrayed ..... **Page 17**

### Bank without a cause

The main worry about the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development should not be its over-plush headquarters, the salaries it pays, the £600,000 M Attali spent last year on private jet travel, or its £52,000 Christmas party. The really pertinent question is whether there is any point in the EBRD's existence ..... **Page 17**

## COLUMNS

### SIMON JENKINS

Anybody can negotiate a ceasefire. Lord Carrington proved that. In civil wars, ceasefires are about regrouping, rearming, resupplying. Bosnian ceasefires simply put more bullets into guns. What was ludicrous was the idea that the Serb commanders would ever accept a map that stripped them of territory gained so bloodily ..... **Page 16**

### ALAN COREN

As plants go, it wasn't up to much, you couldn't see where Venus came in, but the label said it was "an appealing novelty plant", which made it sound like something that opened the second half at the Hackney Empire, so I put it on a window-sill and went to bed. Since the cat died in 1988, I had not had a pet. Never mind one in show business ..... **Page 16**

## LETTERS

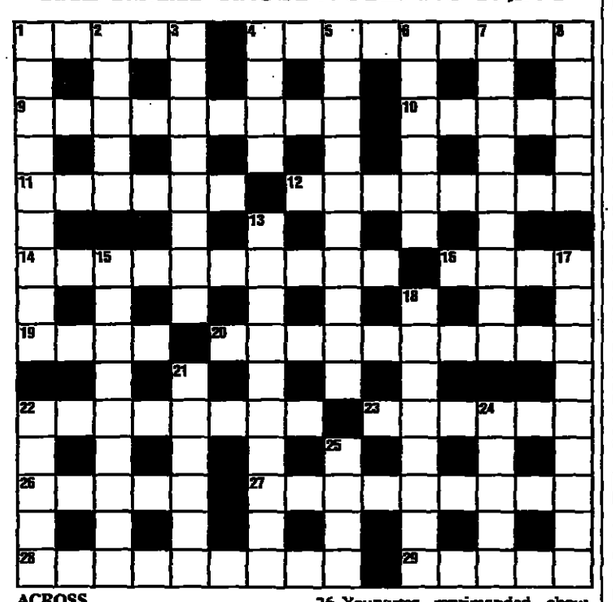
Why should pupils be tested at seven and 14? ..... **Page 17**

## THE PAPERS

*A lot of serious and decent people* are now urging President Clinton to use military force to protect innocent Bosnian populations from further murderous Serb assaults. But any such step must take account of political realities. Neither in the Congress, nor in the population at large, is there any real constituency for US military engagement

*— The New York Times*

## THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,204



*ACROSS*

1 Southey's Rover runs by the sacred river (5).
4 A publican — except for the earring (9).
9 Struggling to blow the whistle while holding the coaches (9).
10 A play on words — the one about Carthage (5).
11 Our Chinese take-away is for 5 (6).
12 Retired as title-holder (8).
14 They uphold standards for weary personnel (10).
16 Announce start of race for the pudding (4).
19 They were above desire in O'Neill's drama (4).
20 Cutting into a game, member has no trumps (10).
22 It may be desirable for some people to be kicked here (8).
23 In conversation show resentment about wedding (6).
26 Youngster reprimanded about money (5).
27 Shandy for pawnbroker with jug (5,4).
28 Clerk writing to drug dealer (3-6).
29 Correct the note eventually (5).

*DOWN*

1 Make once more a change of offices (9).
2 Cyril's version of the words of the song (5).
3 Making one heart is very difficult (8).
4 Ship's officer (4).
5 Dirty child's handkerchief on a cake! (10).
6 Dominion representative in Ireland (6).
7 Pull out all the stops? Quite the reverse! (9).
8 Republican winners in the contests (5).
13 Its holder may have one over the eight (10).
15 The aim of advertising is to get the concession (9).
17 Well beaten, due to pay out about a pound (9).
18 Put out silver piece of armour, so-called (8).
21 English poet's calling for a carriage (6).
22 Take one's hat off to a foreign international (5).
24 Many wander from this herd (5).
25 Cliff's muffler is not finished (4).

*Concise Crossword, page 40*

*Solution to Puzzle No 19,203*

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**The qualifying puzzle for The Times Knockando 1993 Crossword Championship will appear tomorrow.**

## TIMES WEATHERCALL

For the latest region by region forecast, 24 hours a day, dial 0891 500 followed by the appropriate code.

| | |
|---|---|
| Greater London | 701 |
| Kent,Surrey,Sussex | 702 |
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| Berks,Bucks,Oxon | 706 |
| Beds,Herts & Essex | 707 |
| Norfolk,Suffolk,Cambs | 708 |
| West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent | 709 |
| Shrops,Hereds & Worcs | 710 |
| Central Midlands | 711 |
| East Midlands | 712 |
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| N E England | 718 |
| Cumbria & Lake District | 719 |
| S W Scotland | 720 |
| W Central Scotland | 721 |
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| E Central Scotland | 723 |
| Grampian & E Highlands | 724 |
| N W Scotland | 725 |
| Caithness,Orkney & Shetland | 726 |
| N Ireland | 727 |

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**London & SE traffic, roadworks**

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| C. London (within N & S Circs.) | 731 |
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| M-ways/roads Dartford T-M25 | 734 |
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## WEATHER

After a dull and misty start across much of England and Wales, it will gradually brighten, although eastern coastal areas will remain quite dull. Showers will develop, more especially in central and southern parts where they may be heavy. Scotland will be mostly cloudy but dry. Northwest Scotland will have rain at times; Northern Ireland will be brighter with some sunny spells. Outlook: continuing unsettled with rain spreading east.

## REPORTS

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=log; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

| | C | F | | | C | F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajaccio | 17 | 63 | t | Madrid | 11 | 52 | r |
| Alicotfrl | 19 | 66 | s | Majorca | 17 | 63 | f |
| Alex'dria | 32 | 90 | s | Malaga | 18 | 64 | f |
| Algiers | 21 | 70 | f | Malta | 21 | 70 | s |
| Amst'dm | 12 | 54 | s | Mnch'tne | 22 | 72 | f |
| Athens | 19 | 66 | s | Miami* | 27 | 81 | s |
| Bahrain | 25 | 77 | s | Milan | 11 | 52 | c |
| Bangkok | 25 | 77 | r | Montreal* | 3 | 37 | r |
| Barbados* | 30 | 86 | s | Moscow | 1 | 34 | sn |
| Barcelna | 15 | 59 | f | Munich | 8 | 46 | c |
| Beirut | 19 | 66 | s | Naples | 18 | 64 | f |
| Belgrade | 17 | 63 | f | N Delhi | 30 | 86 | s |
| Berlin | 11 | 52 | f | N York* | 11 | 52 | c |
| Bermuda* | 21 | 70 | s | Nice | 15 | 59 | s |
| Biarritz | 12 | 54 | f | Oslo | 7 | 45 | f |
| Borda'x | 10 | 50 | f | Paris | 9 | 48 | f |
| Brussels | 12 | 54 | f | Peking | 19 | 66 | s |
| Budapst | 11 | 52 | c | Prague | 8 | 46 | f |
| B Aires* | 26 | 79 | s | Reykjavik | 3 | 37 | f |
| Cairo | 34 | 93 | s | Rhodes | 19 | 66 | s |
| Cape Tn | 18 | 64 | c | Rio de J | 28 | 82 | s |
| Chicago* | 7 | 45 | f | Riyadh | 29 | 84 | s |
| Ch'church | 9 | 48 | r | Rome | 17 | 63 | s |
| Cologne | 12 | 54 | f | Salzburg | 12 | 54 | f |
| C'phagn | 7 | 45 | s | S F'risco* | 16 | 61 | s |
| Corfu | 20 | 68 | s | Santiago* | 20 | 68 | s |
| Dublin | 11 | 52 | f | S Paulo* | 27 | 81 | c |
| Dubrovnik | 20 | 68 | s | Seoul | 13 | 55 | s |
| Faro | 15 | 59 | c | Sing'por | 28 | 82 | t |
| Florence | 13 | 55 | c | Stckholm | 8 | 46 | s |
| Frankfurt | 12 | 54 | r | Strasb'rg | 9 | 48 | f |
| Funchal | 18 | 64 | f | Sydney | 27 | 81 | f |
| Geneva | 13 | 55 | f | Tangier | 17 | 63 | f |
| Gibraltar | 15 | 59 | s | Tel Aviv | 28 | 82 | s |
| Helsinki | 5 | 41 | s | Tenerife | 17 | 63 | s |
| Hong K | 22 | 72 | f | Tokyo | 11 | 52 | c |
| Innsbrck | 12 | 54 | f | Toronto* | 8 | 46 | s |
| Istanbul | 17 | 63 | f | Tunis | 24 | 75 | s |
| Jeddah | 35 | 95 | s | Valencia | 18 | 64 | c |
| Jo'burg* | 16 | 61 | s | Vanc'ver* | 8 | 46 | c |
| L Palmas | 19 | 66 | c | Venice | 15 | 59 | r |
| Le Touet | 13 | 55 | f | Vienna | 10 | 50 | c |
| Lisbon | 12 | 54 | f | Warsaw | 9 | 48 | c |
| Locarno | 8 | 46 | f | Wash'ton* | 14 | 57 | c |
| London | 9 | 48 | c | Wel'ton | 14 | 57 | r |
| L Angels* | 18 | 64 | s | Zurich | 11 | 52 | f |
| Luxembg | 9 | 48 | c | | | | |
| Luxor | 36 | 97 | s | | | | |

* denotes figures are latest available

## LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 13C (55F); min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6pm, 57 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,003.6 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

## HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: London, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Inverbervie, Grampian, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Finningley, South Yorkshire, 0.7in; highest sunshine: Lowestoft, Suffolk, 11.7hr.

## MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 6C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.2hr.

## GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 8C (46F); min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.12in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

## AROUND BRITAIN

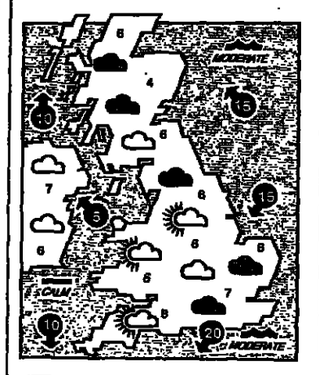
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| Aberdeen | - | 0.06 | 5 | 41 | rain |
| Anglesey | 7.5 | 0.03 | 13 | 55 | thundr |
| Aviemore | 0.2 | - | 7 | 45 | cloudy |
| Belfast | 0.2 | - | 9 | 48 | cloudy |
| Birmingham | 5.1 | 0.13 | 14 | 57 | thundr |
| Bognor Regis | - | - | 12 | 54 | sunny |
| Bournemouth | 8.6 | 0.01 | 12 | 54 | sunny |
| Bristol | 3.5 | 0.06 | 12 | 54 | shower |
| Buxton | 4.1 | 0.37 | 11 | 52 | bright |
| Cardiff | 2.2 | 0.23 | 10 | 50 | thundr |
| Clacton | 9.2 | - | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Cromer | X | - | 13 | 55 | sunny |
| Edinburgh | - | 0.03 | 7 | 45 | rain |
| Eskdalemuir | - | 0.03 | 7 | 45 | shower |
| Exmouth | 2.8 | 0.03 | 11 | 52 | cloudy |
| Falmouth | 7.0 | 0.31 | 13 | 55 | sunny |
| Folkestone | 10.4 | 0.04 | 13 | 55 | sunny |
| Glasgow | - | - | 8 | 46 | cloudy |
| Guernsey | 3.6 | - | 13 | 55 | cloudy |
| Hastings | 10.8 | 0.04 | 12 | 54 | sunny |
| Hunstanton | 4.3 | 0.41 | 10 | 50 | thundr |
| Isle Of Man | 3.3 | 0.02 | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Jersey | 3.7 | 0.01 | 11 | 52 | bright |
| Kinloss | 0.8 | 0.02 | 7 | 45 | rain |
| Leeds | 4.2 | 0.20 | 13 | 55 | thundr |
| Lerwick | 8.8 | - | 7 | 45 | sunny |
| Littlehampton | 10.6 | - | 12 | 54 | sunny |
| Liverpool | 6.2 | 0.07 | 13 | 55 | shower |
| London | 8.9 | 0.01 | 13 | 55 | sunny |
| Lowestoft | 11.7 | - | 12 | 54 | sunny |
| Manchester | 6.2 | 0.15 | 14 | 57 | bright |
| Margate | 9.0 | - | 12 | 54 | sunny |
| Minehead | 4.2 | 0.01 | 13 | 55 | shower |
| Morecambe | 5.0 | 0.13 | 13 | 55 | thundr |
| Newcastle | - | 0.48 | 7 | 45 | fog |
| Newquay | 2.3 | 0.04 | 12 | 54 | cloudy |
| Nottingham | 4.3 | 0.08 | 13 | 55 | thundr |
| Penzance | 6.6 | 0.29 | 13 | 55 | bright |
| Plymouth | 8.4 | 0.09 | 12 | 54 | bright |
| Poole | 7.7 | 0.01 | 12 | 54 | sunny |
| Salcombe | 5.3 | 0.04 | 11 | 52 | bright |
| Sandown | 8.1 | - | 12 | 54 | sunny |
| Scilly Isles | 7.5 | 0.03 | 13 | 55 | sunny |
| Shanklin | 7.9 | - | 10 | 50 | sunny |
| Southsea | 8.3 | - | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Stornoway | 9.7 | 0.06 | 9 | 48 | sunny |
| Swanage | 7.4 | 0.02 | 11 | 52 | sunny |
| Teignmouth | 5.2 | 0.07 | 11 | 52 | bright |
| Tenby | 3.4 | 0.10 | 11 | 52 | cloudy |
| Tiree | 4.8 | - | 9 | 48 | sunny |
| Torquay | 5.1 | 0.03 | 12 | 54 | bright |
| Weymouth | 4.8 | 0.06 | 11 | 52 | rain |
| Wick | 0.8 | 0.07 | 7 | 45 | rain |
| Worthing | 10.4 | - | 11 | 52 | sunny |

## TOURIST RATES

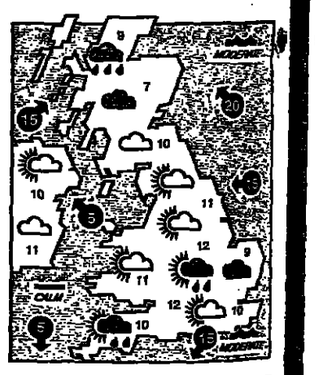
| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 2.28 | 2.06 |
| Austria Sch | 18.40 | 16.90 |
| Belgium Fr | 53.95 | 49.55 |
| Canada $ | 2.088 | 1.925 |
| Denmark Kr | 10.08 | 9.28 |
| Finland Mkk | 9.48 | 8.69 |
| France Fr | 8.63 | 8.13 |
| Germany Dm | 2.605 | 2.405 |
| Greece Dr | 351.00 | 328.00 |
| Hong Kong $ | 12.60 | 11.60 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.06 | 0.98 |
| Italy Lire | 2495.00 | 2350.00 |
| Japan Yen | 192.75 | 173.75 |
| Netherlands Gld | 2.937 | 2.707 |
| Norway Kr | 11.07 | 10.27 |
| Portugal Esc | 241.00 | 223.00 |
| South Africa Rd | 5.45 | 4.75 |
| Spain Pta | 183.75 | 170.75 |
| Swedish Kr | 12.25 | 11.45 |
| Switzerland Fr | 2.39 | 2.21 |
| Turkey Lira | 16200.0 | 14200.0 |
| USA $ | 1.644 | 1.514 |
| Yugoslavia Dnr | DNB | 000.00 |

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

## UK



## FIVE DAY



## LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.26 pm to 5.37 am
Bristol 8.35 pm to 5.47 am
Edinburgh 8.47 pm to 5.40 am
*Manchester 8.38 pm to 5.42 am*
Penzance 8.45 pm to 6.01 am

Sun rises: 6.07 am
Sun sets: 7.56 pm
Moon rises 2.58 pm
Moon sets 12.18 pm
New moon April 21

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

## YESTERDAY

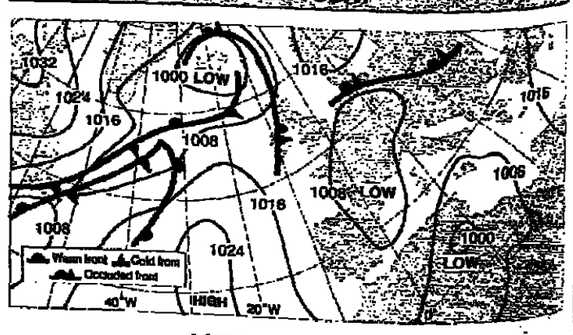
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

| | C | F | | | C | F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belfast | 7 | 45 | c | Guernsey | 9 | 48 | c |
| B'rmgham | 11 | 52 | f | Inverness | 5 | 41 | r |
| Blackpool | 12 | 54 | f | Jersey | 11 | 52 | c |
| Bristol | 11 | 52 | c | London | 13 | 55 | c |
| Cardiff | 10 | 50 | c | M'nchster | 11 | 52 | c |
| Edinburgh | 6 | 43 | d | Newcastle | 8 | 43 | r |
| Glasgow | 7 | 45 | r | R'nldsway | 7 | 45 | r |

## HIGH TIDES

| TODAY | AM | HT | PM | HT | TODAY | AM | HT | PM | HT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge | 8.06 | 6.2 | 8.20 | 5.9 | Liverpool | 5.27 | 7.6 | 6.19 | 7.7 |
| Aberdeen | 7.45 | 3.3 | 9.02 | 3.2 | Lowestoft | 4.20 | 2.0 | 4.01 | 2.1 |
| Avonmouth | 12.58 | 10.2 | 1.29 | 9.6 | Margate | 5.20 | 4.0 | 5.32 | 3.9 |
| Belfast | 5.41 | 3.0 | 6.36 | 2.8 | Milford Haven | 12.13 | 5.5 | 12.47 | 5.0 |
| Cardiff | 12.43 | 9.5 | 1.14 | 9.1 | Newquay | 11.46 | 5.1 | | |
| Devonport | 12.30 | 4.2 | 12.43 | 4.3 | Oban | | | 12.17 | 2.6 |
| Dover | 5.27 | 5.3 | 5.58 | 5.3 | Penzance | 11.48 | 4.2 | | |
| Falmouth | | | noon | 4.0 | Portland | 12.02 | 1.5 | 12.30 | 1.3 |
| Glasgow | 6.41 | 4.2 | 7.11 | 3.7 | Portsmouth | 5.25 | 3.8 | 6.27 | 3.9 |
| Harwich | 6.04 | 3.3 | 6.18 | 3.1 | Shoreham | 5.08 | 4.8 | 6.03 | 4.8 |
| Holyhead | 4.45 | 4.5 | 5.54 | 4.2 | Southampton | 5.24 | 3.7 | 6.27 | 3.7 |
| Hull | 12.33 | 5.8 | 12.40 | 6.0 | Swansea | 12.18 | 7.6 | 12.54 | 7.5 |
| Ilfracombe | | | 12.27 | 6.7 | Tees | 10.14 | 4.4 | 11.16 | 3.3 |
| King's Lynn | 12.41 | 5.0 | 12.49 | 5.0 | W'ton-on-Nze | 8.05 | 3.5 | 8.22 | 3.3 |
| Leith | 9.11 | 4.4 | 10.01 | 4.3 | | | | | |

## NOON TODAY




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Radio 3 celebrates the life of Leonard Bernstein



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FA suspends Jones for four matches

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## BUSINESS TODAY

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### ROARING

Stock Exchange figures show that share volumes rose to a six-year high in March, when £51.8 billion of equities changed hands
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### ACTING

Lloyd's of London will not extend its standstill on legal action against 3,500 names who refused to settle debts after last year's losses
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### THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5590 (+0.0332)
German mark ..2.4643 (+0.0101)
Exchange index ..... 80.7 (+0.6)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

### STOCK MARKET

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# Seventh wise man breaks ranks in 'academic skirmish'



Congdon: wants debate

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

PROFESSOR Tim Congdon fired another broadside at his colleagues on the Treasury's forecasting panel of Seven Wise Men yesterday, in what is bound to be an unpopular attempt to wage a war of economic dogma in public.

In a second open letter to his fellow panelists, arch-monetarist Professor Congdon expanded on his first attempt to explain to his colleagues why the growth of money supply is not just a bi-product of economic activity like saving, spending or borrowing but actually changes demand and therefore the amount of economic growth.

To the economically uninitiated (and even those who are), the contents of his letter are arcane. But, in the world of academic economics, these debates have been at the very heart of fierce disagreements for decades. Lightly deflected by the Treasury yesterday as "a skirmish among academics", Professor Congdon's campaign for full recognition of his monetarist beliefs is bound to make the next Wise Men session in June a somewhat less pleasant affair than the inaugural meeting of the Panel in February.

Both the problem and the value of Professor Congdon's contributions are his utter conviction. He says: "I believe my forecasting record has, over an extended period, been the best — or, at any rate, the least bad — of any of us. In fact, I am not sure that any of Britton [Andrew, National Institute of Economic and Social Research], Currie [David, Professor of Economics, London Business School] and Davies [Gavyn, partner and chief economist, Goldman Sachs] has produced a better end-year forecast, i.e. in December or January, for the subsequent year in any one of the last five years."

Such sentiments are not accepted lightly, either by the Treasury or the other six Wise Men. After the first open letter from Professor Congdon, there were mutterings of different economists on the panel being accorded different "weightings" for the usefulness of their contributions.

But Professor Congdon's campaign should not be mistaken for arrogance. He offers up his forecasting credentials because he is deeply convinced that his monetarist guiding lights are the right ones and is passionately concerned that past policy mistakes are not repeated. He professes himself astounded that, in the eight years since 1985, the economy should have developed as it has, and that, for the second time in a decade, Britain faces high inflation and mass unemployment.

At the end of his open letter, he stops short of calling for the economic models that guided British policy, including that of the Treasury, to be scrapped but he feels, with others, that those models have a lot to answer for. He wants a post mortem on the late 1980s and early 1990s. "We must find out why we have made mistakes and I would like a good, public debate. I see no point in doing it privately," he said, distressed that his campaign appears to have caused discomfort among colleagues but determined to go ahead.

Over to you, the Six.

# Tokyo package gives boost to world markets

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

**■ Japan's injection of more than Y13 trillion into the economy lifted shares around the world. In Britain, an authoritative survey said one in four firms would be hiring**

WORLD markets reacted positively to Japan's long-awaited second fiscal package, aimed at helping to stimulate its economy and provide a much-needed engine of growth for its partners around the world.

Taking their cue from Tokyo where the Nikkei average jumped more than 4 per cent to 20,740, there were substantial gains in London and New York. The FT-SE 100 index closed up 25 at 2,846.8, and, at mid-session, Wall Street was 20 points ahead.

The Y13.2 trillion (£75 billion) package was, if anything, slightly larger than estimates and the yen hit another all-time high against the dollar in overnight trading in Tokyo before it was dampened by Bank of Japan intervention. During the European day, currencies calmed down considerably, partly because the package had been the subject of feverish speculation, and there were no major surprises.

The Japanese authorities were obviously keen to market the package of measures as an important ingredient of getting the world economy back to a healthier growth path, particularly on a day when doubters of the strength of the US recovery were rewarded with a 1 per cent fall in retail sales in March.

George Magnus, of Warburg Securities, said only some Y7 billion of the package represents actual spending. However, he said: "The markets clearly believe the Japanese government is determined to hijack the recession and return Japan to growth and that is important."

Mark Cliffe, of Nomura Research, said the Japanese authorities had sent an important signal that it was prepared to go for growth. He did not rule out a third fiscal package later this year and perhaps a further easing in monetary policy, with a cut in the 2.5 per cent discount rate.

On a day when markets were dominated by international events and by yen strength and dollar weakness, sterling continued to do well. The pound gained strongly at the start of trading with its trade-weighted index opening at 80.8 compared with 80.1 before the Easter holiday. It then stabilised and edged down to 80.7 by the close. At one point, it reached a high of DM2.48 but then slipped back to close at DM2.4643.

Sterling appeared to be reacting largely to weekend press reports that highlighted the accumulation of more positive evidence about the economy, although the pound was given a mild boost by the expected news that the Bank of France had cut its 5 to 10 day interest rate from 12 per cent to 10 per cent. Falling interest rates in Europe are good news for Britain's key export markets.

Recent signs of renewed activity in Britain were supported by the latest quarterly survey published today by Dun & Bradstreet, in which 2,000 managing directors were asked during March how they see the economy.

Six out of 10 of those surveyed forecast increasing sales and new orders over the level they saw a year ago and there was the best balance between optimists and pessimists since the second quarter of 1989.

Most heartening was news that one in four of those surveyed siad they expected to take on more staff, the first time employment expectations have been positive in Dun & Bradstreet's research for three-and-a-half years.

A higher proportion of companies than in the last quarter's survey said they planned to pass on price increases to their customers but, nevertheless, half the companies said they expected to hold prices at previous year's levels.

These finding are consistent with recent producer price figures from the Central Statistical Office. These have shown, in the six months since sterling left the exchange-rate mechanism, that devaluation has led to higher prices for imported goods but that the ability of companies to pass these higher costs on to their customers has been restrained by the lack of demand in the economy. As the economy recovers, these inflationary pressures are expected gradually to feed through to the high street.

The latest figures for March, out yesterday, showed input prices had risen by 0.5 per cent to stand 8.3 per cent above the level of a year ago, while output prices rose 0.7 per cent, an annual growth rate of 3.7 per cent.

These rises were in line with market expectations and there was little reaction to the figures.


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Going for growth: the Nikkei index reacted strongly to the government announcement, closing above the 20,000 level

# 'Strongman' to overhaul Queens Moat

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

BANKERS to Queens Moat Houses, the stricken hotels group, have appointed a financial strongman to look after the overhaul of the group's accounting structure after financial difficulties were revealed and dealing in the shares was suspended.

Andrew Coppel, a former finance director of Ratners Group, was most recently involved in the attempted rescue of Sale Tilney, the mini-conglomerate that went into receivership on December 31. Before that, he was a mergers and acquisitions specialist at Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank. His past two postings led to a strong working relationship with National Westminster and Barclays, the lead bankers to Queens Moat.

The company said he had been brought in to help the board "in effecting a stable relationship with the group's banks and creating an appropriate financial and management reporting structure".

Initially, he will join the company as a consultant. David Hersey, the current finance director, has been suspended.

The banks stopped the payment of a DM1.8 million interest charge due to German banks yesterday. Although there has not yet been a formal debt standstill agreed between the 64 banks that are owed a total of £1 billion by the group, the non-payment makes it clear that an effective freeze on all the assets is in force.

Queens Moat's financial woes are the subject of an enquiry by Grant Thornton, brought in as emergency auditor by the banks after it became clear that expected 1992 profits of £80 million would be losses of the same order. Questions have been raised over the company's accounting policies, which some observers believe overstated reported profits.

# Bleak scenes from the white revolution



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

British, American and Japanese consumers, anguishing over the timing of economic recovery, might wonder what their counterparts in eastern Europe feel like. According to the latest review from the UN Economic Commission for Europe, output fell by a tenth on average in 1992 in what it calls the transition economies of eastern Europe. There were far sharper falls in many countries of the former Soviet Union, including 19 per cent in Russia and double that in the Baltic states, let alone those hit by war.

Only in Poland did recovery start in 1992, though Hungary and the former Czechoslovakia, especially the Czech republic, appear to have turned the corner late in the year and should be able to look forward to some recovery this year. Even there, decline has been so long and severe that it will take years for material living standards to return to where they were before the collapse of Communism.

This inevitably strikes most of us simple Westerners as strange. The trigger in eastern Europe was the collapse of trade within the old Comecon system, which depended on artificial prices and everyone accepting the rouble at the value put on it by the Soviet government. In the Baltic states, for instance, output collapsed because Russia demanded world prices for energy and materials, while traditional markets dried up. Much of the damage appears more directly self-inflicted and in some cases it is getting worse. In the short period since the break up of Czechoslovakia, for instance, the UN estimates that trade between the two component parts has shrunk by 60 per cent. This will delay recovery for another year or more if it is continued.

Far too much of the collapse stems from sheer chaos and disruption. There is no other plausible reason why agricultural output fell by a tenth last year in the central states of the former Soviet Union and by comparable percentages in eastern Europe. Technical assistance and financial aid might be needed to raise production up beyond the pathetic levels achieved in the later years of Soviet rule, but should surely not be needed merely to sustain output at its former level. Markets, you would think, could hardly function much worse than before. This all makes it ever harder to fathom why the West is so keen on the former Communist lands trying to convert overnight from state communism to full capitalism. Hungary has probably suffered least because it started making structural adjustments and moving to a mixed economy much earlier and could accelerate the process. Last year, the UN estimates that the private sector still accounted for only 25-35 per cent of output and that is probably as well. In the former Soviet Union, the citizens of cautious Belorussia are suffering less than Russians.

Years of pre-planning and preparation were needed to convert about a tenth of Britain's output successfully to the private sector, even though much of it had been operating on a commercial basis unknown in the Soviet bloc. Revolutions, whether white or red, sacrifice the present generation for the sake of the next. The West also pays a big price for revolutionary disruption. The huge amounts of aid being prepared for Russia can act only as a minor palliative and help correct hyper-inflation brought by attempts to free prices too quickly.

As a guideline to the costs of "big bang" changes, western Germany had to make net transfers of about $75 billion in 1991 and $96 billion in 1992 to the relatively small former east German *länder*. That, as other members of the European Community know only too well, is costing the rest of us dear.

Financing any comparable effort in the Russias would have a like impact on the world economy. In reality, the UN estimates about $40 billion flowed to all the transition countries last year and most will find it harder to gain the funds they need this year. Inward investment, already concentrated in the three central European states, is constrained by tougher times for western companies, for while rewards are potentially enormous, so are risks. Direct aid is vital but higher growth in the West, and planning to replace vulnerable industries, will in the end do more by making room for the exports that transitional economies desperately need to rebuild.


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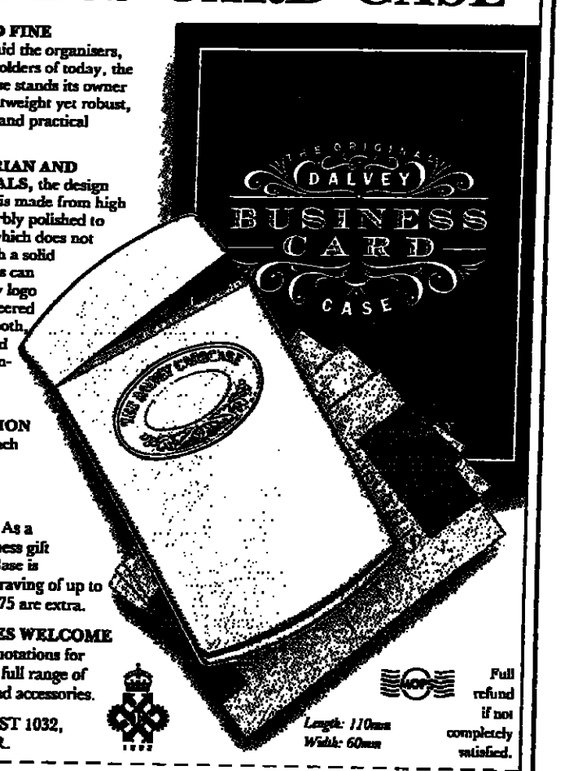
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# Lower share prices cloud Zeneca split

By George Sivell, City Editor

FALLING pharmaceutical share prices present ICI advisers with a problem over the demerger of Zeneca, the bioscience group, from the chemicals business.

In a move driven by what ICI directors feel are the needs of the business, the group plans to launch a prospectus for Zeneca this month and announce the terms of a £1.3 billion cash call in May.

But the pharmaceuticals sector of the British stock market is suffering the malaise affecting drugs companies in America over the Clinton health reforms, apart from the specific problems at Glaxo, where Ernest Mario, the chief executive, departed recently; at Wellcome, caught up in a controversy over how effective the Retrovir drug is in treating Aids, and at Fisons, which has stopped work on tipredane, a previously promising anti-asthmatic drug.

ICI has already specified that the rights issue will be made by Zeneca, even though the money will be used to pay off ICI chemicals debts. After the £949 million exceptional charge taken in 1992 for restructuring, ICI suffered a cash outflow of £454 million, taking debt at the end of 1992 to £2,435 million, or 57 per cent of shareholders' funds, from £1,862 million, or 39 per cent, at the end of 1991.

ICI is having the rights call on the Zeneca half of the business because the chemicals half would be unable to pay a dividend on the extra shares issued in the cash call. Against a promised dividend of 27.5p, even BZW, ICI's broker, is forecasting earnings of only 21.0p a share for 1993 from ICI chemicals.

One broker, who follows ICI closely, said: "They would have been much better off having the cash call on the whole company in February when the full-year results were announced. Their gamble is for the health sector to rebound. It is really going to be very difficult for them."

Making life difficult for ICI and its advisers will be the timing of the announcement of Hillary Clinton's American health reforms. They were originally scheduled for the first few days in May but the timetable is understood to be slipping back, looming eerily towards ICI's impact day of May 12, when the terms of the rights issue are announced.

Worse, the reforms may come in between May 12 and the June 1 start of dealings in ICI and Zeneca shares and the nil-paid rights shares.

Another broker pointed out that many of ICI's shareholders were pension funds. He believed the issue would succeed, but at a price: offering a high yield to the pension funds.

ICI and Zeneca have promised to pay a 1993 dividend of 27.5p each, effectively maintaining the 1992 ICI dividend of 55p a share.




Name of the game: John Major's citizen's charter has, so far, failed to transform the habits of the nation, even its most staunch supporter would have to agree. But it has achieved one startling effect: an upsurge in the fortunes of Britain's biggest maker of name badges (Martin Waller writes). Britain's 5.5 million public servants, or at least those who come face to face with the public, will have to be more personally accountable to their nominal masters. Wearing name badges is one element. Recognition Express already reckons to have produced 750,000. The company is predominantly a franchise and has been owned by Sketchley since 1986. Terry Howorth, above, the managing director, described the charter as "manna from heaven", which had almost doubled business over the past 18 months.

# Erith falls to loss of £557,000

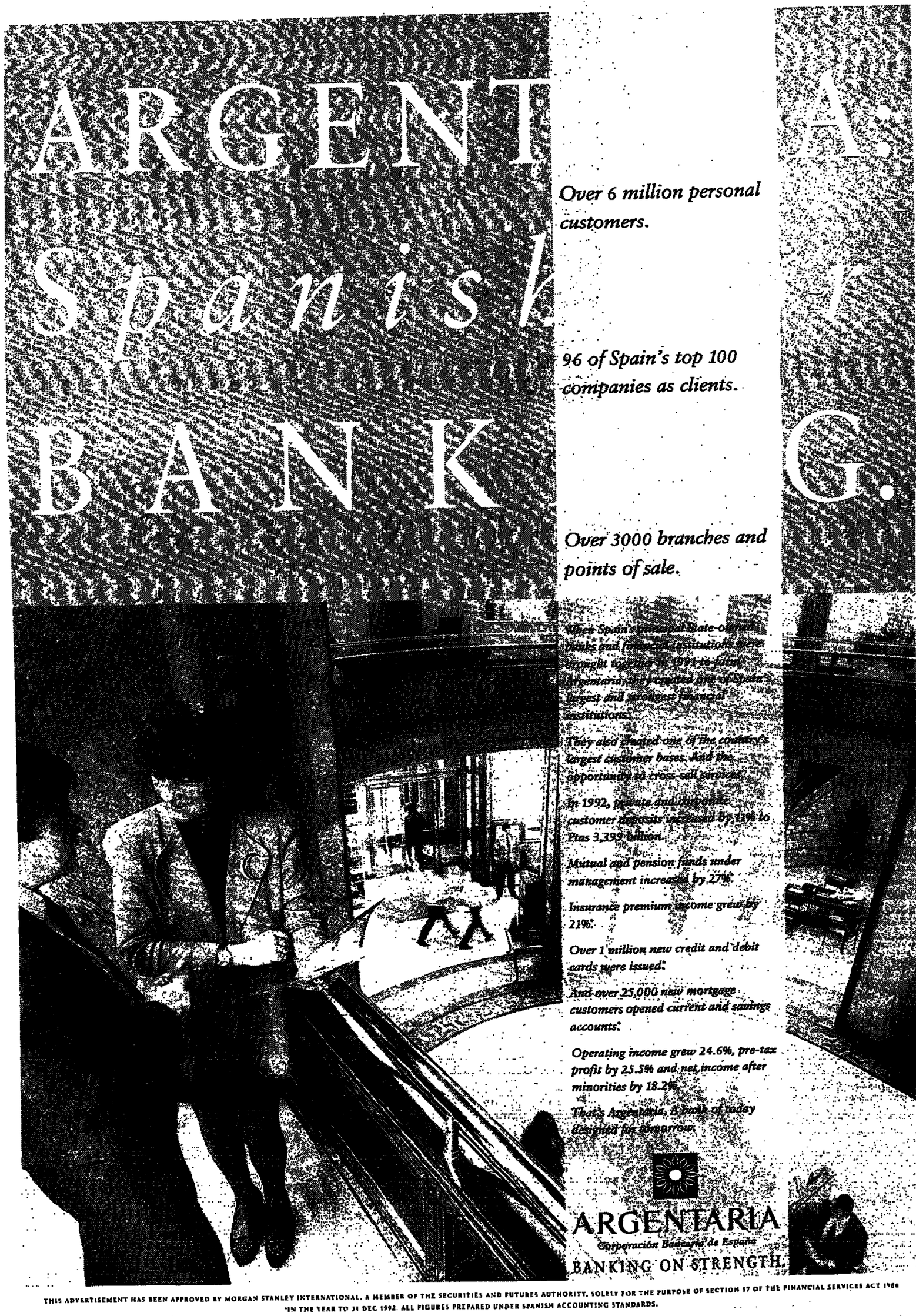
By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

ERITH, the builders' merchant, has slipped to a loss for the first time in the directors' memories, losing £557,000 at the taxable level in the year to end-December after profits of £24,000 in 1991.

Erith shares lost 5p to 37p as the company axed the final dividend, leaving an interim payment of 0.35p against a 1991 total of 2p. Bryan Castledine, chairman and chief executive, said although November, December and January had been dismal trading months, the market had picked up since.

Mr Castledine has appointed a new financial director, Andrew Page, who joined in March. He said the board intended to resume dividend payments as soon as prudently possible.

Last year saw some slight improvement in the bad debts that were a feature of the interim figures in September, but these, at more than 2 per cent of turnover, were still uncomfortably high.




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## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### FR Group optimistic as profits move ahead

FR Group, the aerospace and defence concern, reported pre-tax profits of £23.3 million (£21.4 million) on a turnover of £182.8 million (£168.4 million) for the year ended December 31. The final dividend is raised from 4.35p to 4.74p a share, making a total of 7.2p (6.69p) per share for the year.

The board said the group has net cash balances, a healthy order book and is still interested in acquisitions. It said it would be wrong to be despondent or unduly pessimistic even though orders from its main customer industries had fallen from the peak level of the 1980s. FR bought the British Columbia-based Northern Airborne Technology group for C$2.65 million (£1.38 million) last July. It emphasises though that further acquisitions will be made on a selective basis. The shares rose 4p to 274p.

### Royal Bank arm buys

ROYAL Bank of Scotland subsidiary Citizens is to buy the Boston Five bank in Massachusetts for $95 million (£63 million). Royal Bank said this would make Citizens the sixth-largest bank holding company in New England with total assets of $6.4 billion. The deal is subject to approval by regulators and Boston Five stockholders. Peter Blampied, chairman of Boston Five, said the bank had returned to profitability but added that "further rebuilding and expansion would require substantial time and additional capital."

### Dragon wins Drayton

EFM Dragon Trust has won its £110 million bid for Drayton Asia Trust, making it the largest investment trust specialising in Far Eastern stock markets, excluding Japan. The combined value of the two companies is about £160 million. Invesco MIM is losing the management of Drayton's £124 million of assets and, in accordance with the terms of Dragon's bid, Edinburgh Fund Managers, which manages Dragon, is paying half the cost of terminating the management contract, which leaves Dragon with a bill of £985,000.

### Low & Bonar cuts jobs

LOW & Bonar, the packaging and plastics group, is to close the Manchester plant of Bonar Cooke Cartons, resulting in an unspecified number of job losses. The factory currently employs about 160 people, but more than half will move to the recently acquired Cereal Packaging plant in Manchester or the subsidiary's Leeds site. Dundee-based Low & Bonar paid £33.5 million last month to buy Cereal Packaging from Kellog, the breakfast cereal maker, and said then it planned to restructure. This should be completed "by the fourth quarter of this year," a spokesman said.

### Telegraph deal backed

SHAREHOLDERS in The Telegraph approved the company's controversial investment in Southam, Canada's biggest newspaper chain. The company, which publishes *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Sunday Telegraph*, is buying half of the Southam shares acquired this year by Hollinger, which owns 68 per cent of The Telegraph. Hollinger is one of the main investment vehicles of Conrad Black, the Canadian businessman. The Telegraph is paying about 23 per cent more than another investor, Power Corporation of Canada, paid for a similar number of shares.

### Greek bank stake sold

BANK of Scotland is selling its 30 per cent stake in Greece's Dorian Bank to Dorian Hellenic Holdings SA, a Greek investment holding company owned by John Mavrakakis. Jim Malcolm, Bank of Scotland's international assistant general manager, said the shareholding was bought in 1990, when it was believed the Greek government was to embark on a privatisation programme, which would provide a fee-earning merchant banking opportunity for Dorian Bank. "This hasn't materialised the way," he said.

### Sykes-Pickavant slips

SYKES-Pickavant, which makes hand tools and diagnostic equipment for the motor industry, saw pre-tax profits slip to £612,000 from £731,000 in the year to December 31 despite higher export sales which raised turnover to £18.6 million (£18.1 million). Dividend is being cut to a total of 4p (5.75p). Hand tool sales were static but diagnostic equipment was helped by a new smoke test for diesel engines. Investment in Motortest GmbH, a German diagnostics equipment company, has been written off.

### Midland oil loan

MIDLAND Bank will lead a $550 million (£366 million), 11-year syndicated loan under Italian government guarantee to finance a joint oil-refining complex in Belorussia involving Delfino SpA of Italy, a Western banker in Moscow said. Western banks have been invited to join the syndicate. The deal for the $650 million six-year project, in the north of the former Soviet republic, was signed between Delfino and the Belorussian state oil refiner Nafan. Revenues from exported oil will be used to service the loan.

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# Japan unveils £75bn stimulus to economy

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

**■ Japan's prime minister will tell America that the fiscal package should lift demand for US goods and address the trade imbalance between the two countries**

THE Japanese government has announced a potent economic package worth a record Y13.2 trillion (£75.4 billion) which is expected to stimulate real GNP growth in the current fiscal year of at least 3 per cent.

A ministry of finance spokesman said: "We are seeing some encouraging signs of economic recovery, but there are also a few remaining weak spots. We are confident that this largest ever economic support package will contribute to the achievement of sustainable economic growth." Hiroshi Mitsuzuka, chairman of the ruling Liberal Democratic party policy affairs council, said the package "will expand domestic demand and make certain that the domestic economy achieves the government's target of 3.3 per cent real growth in fiscal 1993".

The announcement was enthusiastically welcomed in the Tokyo markets and sparked high volume buying on the stock exchange, causing the Nikkei 225 average to soar by 858.15 points to close at 20,740.29, its highest since March 1992.

The recovery package has been designed with one eye on American trade negotiators, who have turned up the heat in the last few weeks in their campaign to force Japan to open up further to US exports.

Kiichi Miyazawa, Japan's prime minister, will present the package as an *o-miyage* (gift) when he visits Washington later this week for his first bilateral meeting with President Clinton, explaining that stimulating Japan's economy will make penetration of its markets easier for US exporters. Analysts believe it will be exploited by the Japanese government as a ploy to avoid the kind of specific sectoral market openings the Americans are now seeking.

The stimulus package includes Y10.6 trillion in public works-related spending; Y2 trillion of "social infrastructure projects" covering investments in educational, medical and social welfare facilities; and tax breaks worth Y170 billion for housing loans, educational expenses and investment by small businesses.

Other measures are intended to boost imports, apparently to deflect criticism of Japan's ballooning trade surplus which some analysts estimate is heading for $160 billion. Figures released yesterday by the ministry of finance show Japan's 1992 trade surplus to have reached $111.34 billion, a 26.2 per cent rise on 1991. The ministry announced that exports rose 7.4 per cent to $344.41 billion while imports, drastically slowed by the spluttering economy, grew by just 0.3 per cent to $233.07 billion.

The ministry also announced that the trade surplus in March reached $13.8 million, the 27th consecutive monthly gain.

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This year's dramatic appreciation of the yen, which reached a postwar peak of Y112.77 against the dollar on Monday, is expected by some economists to contribute to a reduction in Japan's exports and help bring the ballooning trade surplus into line, although it may take some time to make an impact.

The package is the third to be introduced in a year, following an emergency public works front-loading programme in April 1992 and a Y10.7 trillion stimulus package in August 1992. The government will incorporate the new spending into a supplementary budget bill expected to be adopted by June.

Financing the package is expected to mean a Y2 trillion construction bond issue and the accelerated allocation of part of the Y350 billion in reserves in the fiscal 1993 budget. But the bulk of the funds will come from the government fiscal investment and loan programme, funded largely by *Kampo* (the postal savings deposit fund, described by many as the biggest bank in the world). Savings deposited in *Kampo*, largely by individuals, have risen by Y29.2 trillion (6 per cent of GNP) since June 1991.

Jesper Koll, chief economist at SG Warburg Securities in Tokyo, said: "Japan's economic recovery is no longer a question of if, but of when. Most important in the presentation of this new package of fiscal measures is an explicit commitment to do even more if need be." Statements by the ministry of finance and by the LDP last week made it clear that the government will implement a further economic emergency package this autumn if the economy fails to respond adequately. "It appears that the economy is *de facto* underwritten by unlimited credit from the authorities," Mr Koll said.

STEPHEN MARKESON



John Hall, left, Brewin managing director, and chairman Sir David Rowe-Ham

# Brewin buys Bell Lawrie White

BY MICHAEL CLARK, STOCK MARKET CORRESPONDENT

BREWIN Dolphin, the London-based stockbroker, is spending £7 million acquiring Bell Lawrie White, stockbroking arm of the TSB Group. The deal will create one of the country's biggest private-client broking businesses, managing an estimated 32,000 portfolios worth an estimated £4 billion.

The directors of Bell Lawrie, established in 1844 and Edinburgh's largest stockbroking firm, have subscribed for new shares in the enlarged company and will account for 25 per cent. Only directors in Manchester declined to subscribe.

John Hall, managing director of Brewin Dolphin, said: "We intend to put all our business on to one system and develop north of the border". The company has been profitable for the past decade and hopes the merger will create further cost savings. Brewin Dolphin was the subject of a management buyout from Scandinavian Bank in April last year.

# Clutches delivery gives DAF hope

BY ROSS TIEMAN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

AUTOMOTIVE Products has broken its boycott of component deliveries to Leyland DAF, raising hopes that production of vans at the Birmingham plant may be able to resume today.

A consignment of clutches made by Borg & Beck, an AP subsidiary, arrived at the Leyland DAF lorry plant in Leyland, Lancashire, despite the continued refusal of receivers to pay £758,000 AP claims for parts delivered before administrative receivers were called in at the Anglo-Dutch group in February. Leyland DAF says that unless new supplies of brakes are received at Birmingham today, they may be unable to restart production. A spokesman said: "We are still waiting to hear from the sister company, AP Lockheed, as to whether they are going to supply."

The threat to output comes as final discussions are under way between a management buyout team seeking to acquire the business and officials from the trade and industry department over the level of state aid available.

The MBO team, headed by Allan Amey, is seeking to convince the officials that the buyout will be impossible without state aid. Under the rules of the regional selective assistance regime, aid is available only to ensure the viability of a project that would not otherwise go ahead.

In 1990, the Welsh Office granted British Airways £36 million to assist its aircraft maintenance facility in Wales, which provides thousands of jobs. More than 1,000 jobs are at stake in Birmingham.

Regional assistance would be in addition to up to £5 million of help likely to come from Birmingham Heartlands Development Corporation, which is expected to use environment department money to buy the van assembly site, which could be leased back to the assembly operation.

Funding for the buyout has been promised by 3i, which is also in advanced talks with several potential co-investors. "We are still on course for completion on Monday," a 3i spokesman said.

# Robinson turns round Vestey family fortunes

BY CARL MORTISHED

UNION International, the main operating arm of the Vestey family's meat and property empire, is back in the black with a pre-tax profit of £32 million for the year to December 31. Last year, the company lost £102 million after massive writedowns on the value of property developments. A restructuring of £300 million of debt was agreed and the company has been selling non-core assets to repay the banks and reduce gearing. The return to profit has improved shareholders' funds by 40 per cent to £38 million but a lack of reserves means the preference shareholders will not be paid their entitlement to dividends of £0.5 million.

Asset sales during the year totalled £80 million including the shrinking of the Dewhurst butchers chain to 400 outlets compared with 1,100 at its peak.

Terry Robinson, Union's new chief executive, says the asset sales will continue. "Our debt is too high" he says. Net borrowings have fallen from £327 million in 1991 to £202 million at December 31 and Mr Robinson would like to see borrowings under £100 million at the end of this year.

Union's best-performing assets are in Australia and New Zealand where profits increased from £1.6 million to £29 million. After asset sales, Union's Australian operations consist of Southern Country Foods, which controls 31 per cent of the market for cold pack canned meats and 13 per cent of the hot pack market. British operations have been turned from an £87 million loss to profits of £11.9 million.

Mr Robinson's job is far from complete, but he has gone a long way to restoring the Union's fortunes. He has taken a hatchet to a group which grew like Topsy during the 1980s and suffered a disastrous expansion into commercial property just as the City office market started to crumble in 1989.

If the Vestey family are thanking Mr Robinson for rescuing their inheritance, they also owe a debt to Tiny Rowland of Lonrho, his former employer. Mr Robinson was tipped to succeed Mr Rowland but the rumours were reported in the press causing Mr Rowland displeasure. The City's favourite was passed over and decided to look for new pastures.

He has a considerable interest in the success of the restructuring which some reports suggest could give him 6 per cent of the business's target value of £100 million. But that does not mean Mr Robinson has found a permanent home. He says he has not been offered a share stake. "This is a private company. It would be nice to be asked to stay. But I have not been asked" he said.

# Lloyd's not to renew amnesty for names

BY SARAH BAGNALL INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

LLOYD'S of London said it did not intend to extend its standstill on legal action against names who had refused to settle debts resulting from the insurance market's £2.06 billion losses last year.

In November, Lloyd's offered a six-month moratorium on writs, easing financial pressure on 3,500 names who had failed to meet the solvency deadline. The amnesty expires at the end of the month. According to a Lloyd's spokesman, Peter Middleton, chief executive, and David Rowland, chairman, intend to restart legal action next month.

The news is a harsh blow for beleaguered names, many of whom are expected to be hit by further losses this year. The latest results are due to be reported in June, and the market expects record losses of £2.4 billion.

It was hoped that the moratorium would give loss-making names time to liquidate their assets without having to resort to desperation sales. However, few names are thought to have raised funds. As a result, this year's losses, on top of last year's unsettled losses, could force many into bankruptcy. As sceptics pointed out when the amnesty was announced, names still have their heads on the blocks — it is just that the fall of the guillotine has been delayed.

Names are still hoping that the market's much-vaunted business plan, due to be published this month, will ease their cash flow crisis. The issue has been highlighted by Mr Middleton and Mr Rowland as being of major importance.

☐ More than 700 names are to issue writs today against 47 members' agents, a managing agent and Ernst & Whinney, the predecessor of Ernst & Young, the accountancy firm.

Names on the Wellington syndicates 406 and 488, who face substantial losses, mainly from US pollution and asbestosis claims, are trying to recover £48.3 million, and to avert future losses amounting to millions of pounds.

# Opec warns of energy tax impact

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

OIL ministers from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and independent producers have warned the industrial nations that proposed energy taxes could end a stable world market.

A statement issued yesterday, at the end of informal talks in Muscat, Oman, said: "The new wave of tax increases, which are discriminatory against oil, will have a destabilising effect on the oil market and future growth of oil demand."

Oil ministers also renewed a pledge to remove the daily output surplus of nearly 300,000 barrels. Figures presented on Monday showed the 12 Opec member states last month supplied 290,000 barrel per day above their second-quarter output ceiling of 23.6 million bpd. But officials argue this excess largely reflects high production in February.

# Wimpey directors given £1m payout

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

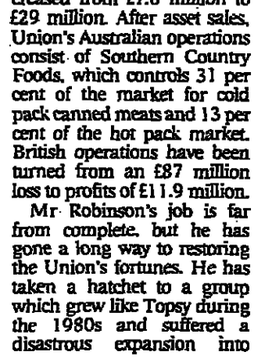
GEORGE Wimpey, the builder that lost £112 million before tax in 1992, has made *ex gratia* payments of more than £1 million over the past two years to former directors who have been pushed out as part of a corporate spring-clean.

The company's report and accounts reveal that £538,000 was paid last year and £500,000 in 1991. Wimpey refuses to say why the money has been paid, except that it was a negotiated settlement by which the directors agreed to take early retirement. Such payments were "not an unusual practice," a spokesman said.

The payments are not straight compensation for loss of office, as all seven directors who left in 1991 and 1992 quit voluntarily.

Of the three who quit last year, one, Sir Derek Birkin, was a non-executive director and is not thought to have received any payment. Another, Sir Clifford Chetwood, was also a non-executive but as former chairman is thought to have received some payment. The bulk of last year's payout is thought to have gone to Nelson Oliver, who resigned on March 31.

The payments are expected to be questioned by Wimpey shareholders at the annual meeting on April 29.



Chetwood: ex-chairman

# Diamonds dent a partnership

BY COLIN CAMPBELL MINING CORRESPONDENT

A GOOD, old-fashioned mining row has broken out between Joseph Gutnick, chairman of Great Central Mines, the Australian exploration company, and the De Beers group over "four fine diamonds" that have been recovered from a joint venture operation at Nabberu, Western Australia.

Mr Gutnick's press announcement of the find, issued from Melbourne on April 5, helped to spur Great Central Mines' share price to A$18. That sent the market capitalisation of the group, which has minimal assets and few employees, to a heady A$1 billion.

The shares were suspended before the Easter weekend and a stock exchange enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the price leap was launched. Mr Gutnick's press release included selected comments made by De Beers in 1992, when the group told Western Australia's department of minerals and energy that it had been conducting "substantial exploration programmes" in the joint venture area for at least three years.

De Beers also said there was "a high probability" that more kimberlites (diamond-bearing pipes) would be identified and "a significant chance" that some of them might have "the potential to become a mine".

De Beers' Australian arm, Stockdale Prospecting, was asked for its comments by the stock exchange. It said that, in view of public interest in the joint venture, it would depart from the customary policy of exploration confidentiality and provide a technical report.

Its reply was seen as damning of Great Central's original release. Stockdale pointed out that while exploration within the Nabberu joint venture had revealed kimberlites, "none found has thus far been demonstrated to have economic potential".

Mr Gutnick hit back, saying: "They (Stockdale) may think they're tough, but I'm tough too. They have a tradition of trying to discredit potential rivals." He added that his company would not be bullied into signing any marketing agreements.

Great Central's share price, meanwhile, is back at A$13.90, which still capitalises the group at A$650 million. The price was unsettled by Stockdale's remark that the "four fine diamonds" were in fact microdiamonds.

One scathing comment about the size of the diamonds was that they were "only enough to make a handsome engagement ring for an ant".

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STOCK MARKET

# Economic optimism boosts shares

SHARES in London received a post-Easter boost after healthy overnight gains in New York, Tokyo and Hong Kong combined with stronger FT-SE futures to drag cash prices higher.

Latest Stock Exchange figures showed that share dealing reached its highest level for almost six years last month, when £51.8 billion of equities changed hands. But London's turnover yesterday was unrepresentative, with volume reaching only 419.5 million shares as many in the City decided to extend the holiday break.

Eleven new companies were listed in March, raising a total of £430.8 million, while 15 rights issues raised £892 million. Nine gilts issues brought in £2.25 billion, in line with the public sector borrowing requirement target. Overseas shares traded in London reached new highs for the second month running, advancing 77 per cent year-on-year to £48.4 billion, with the most notable increase in the Japanese sector.

Producer prices input figures showing a year-on-year rise of 8.3 per cent were in line with analysts' expectations, but provided the excuse for a brief consolidation as the data raised concerns about a continuing squeeze on company profit margins and earnings growth prospects.

Hopes of economic recovery and an upturn in the housing market combined with sterling's strength and the positive start on Wall Street bolstered sentiment in London, while the French rate cut fuelled hopes of lower European interest rates.

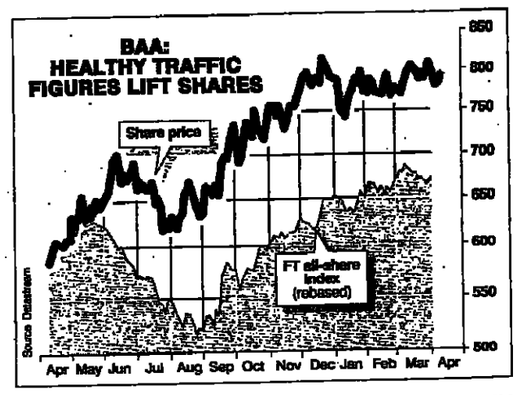
The FT-SE 100 index ended near its best, closing up 25 points at 2,846.8.

**Cable and Wireless** advanced 17p to 747p, boosted by a buy recommendation from Jim Ross of Hoare Govett and a buoyant Hong Kong market.

Hong Kong's influence also helped **HSBC** rise 13p to 623p, while **Standard Chartered** added 11p to 709p and **Inchcape** firmed 5p to 601p.

**BAA** rose 10p to 793p on healthy traffic growth. The number of passengers using the airport operator's facilities climbed 6.2 per cent to 6.1 million in March, compared with a year earlier. Heathrow's traffic showed an 8.3 per cent increase, while Gatwick edged up a modest 0.2 per cent and Stansted rose 5.7 per cent. The three Scottish airports increased total traffic 8.2 per cent. The only market to decline was short haul charter, which fell 4.2 per cent.

Mark McVicar, of NatWest Securities, said: "Basically it's a good set of traffic figures." He forecasts 3.5 per cent traffic growth for the year and rates BAA shares a "solid hold".




**Glaxo Holdings** fell 19p to 552p as American investors digested a recent bearish article. Analysts said there were cautious comments in *Barron's*, an American financial publication, suggesting that the stock's American depository receipts could lose as much as another 30 per cent before bottoming out.

Shares in food retailers firmed in a partial recovery, with **J Sainsbury** up 14p to 472p, **Tesco** 5p to 230p and **Argyll Group** 2p to 323p. But profit-taking among the water stocks saw **Anglian** lose 8p to 538p, **Severn Trent** 3p to 524p, **North West Water** 3p to 525p and **Thames** 6p to 550p.

**Owners Abroad**, which recently fought off a bid from Airtours, was unchanged at 114p despite upbeat noises from Howard Klein, Owner's chairman, who said trading continues to show positive trends. Thomas Cook's 150p-a-share tender offer for 12.5 per cent of Owners' share capital closed yesterday afternoon. The results are due this morning. **Airtours** added 7p to 279p.

**Smith New Court** continued to be a firm market, with shares in the securities house 11p stronger at 221p.

**British Aerospace** firmed 5p to 278p after the company revealed that it is still negotiating the sale of Hawk aircraft to Indonesia.

Results from **FR Group** showing increased profits and a better dividend helped shares in the defence and aviation company gain 4p to 274p. But **Erith** shares fell 5p to 37p as the building materials group passed its final dividend after sliding into the red.

**Forte** eased 2p to 181p ahead of its results tomorrow when the hotels to restaurants group is expected by most analysts to cut its dividend. **RMC**, which also reports results tomorrow, fell 4p to 604p after reports of a sell recommendation from NatWest Securities. **Blue Circle** firmed 5p to 232p ahead of finals tomorrow.

☐ Government securities continued to firm, boosted by a fall in the French repo rate, although trading conditions were quiet as some dealers decided to extend the holiday break.

The gilt future had a positive start, touching a high of £107½, before slipping back to close up £15/32 at £107 14/32, on quiet volume of 17,000 contracts traded. Longer dated securities performed slightly better than the shorts, with a slight flattening of the yield curve.

PHILIP PANGALOS

WORLD MARKETS

# Share indices rise around the globe

**New York** — American blue chips were firm in the early afternoon, shrugging off dismal March retail sales figures and bouyed by record first-quarter earnings from Merrill Lynch.

However, some analysts said the stock market was skating on thin ice with not much upside potential left and consolidation lurking in the wings.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 21.34 points to 3,449.43, with advancing shares leading declining shares ten to six.

☐ **Frankfurt** — German stocks clocked up their biggest gains in a month, but with underlying volume remaining thin, the market's strength could prove short-lived, dealers said.

The Dax index closed 15.32 points up at 1,671.05.

☐ **Sydney** — Australian shares closed at their highest in 17 months, bolstered by strong Japanese and American markets, brokers said. The all ordinaries index closed up 23 points at 1688.7.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Share prices ended the morning session sharply higher in slow trade. The Hang Seng index climbed 86.07 points to 6,371.74. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

| | Apr 13 midday | Apr 12 close |
|---|---|---|
| AMP Inc | 60⅞ | 60⅞ |
| AMR Corp | 70 | 69½ |
| Abbott Labs | 25⅞ | 25⅝ |
| Aetna Life | 50⅝ | 50⅝ |
| Ahmanson (H F) | 19⅝ | 19⅝ |
| Air Prod & Chem | 43⅝ | 42⅝ |
| Albertson's | 55⅞ | 54⅞ |
| Alcan Aluminum | 18 | 18 |
| Alco Standard | 46 | 45½ |
| Allied Signal | 66⅛ | 65⅞ |
| Alum Co of Am | 62⅞ | 61½ |
| Amax | 16⅛ | 16⅛ |
| Amerada Hess | 56⅛ | 55⅝ |
| Amer Brands | 30⅝ | 30 |
| Amer Cyanamid | 50⅞ | 50⅝ |
| Amer El Power | 38⅛ | 37⅝ |
| Amer Express | 29⅝ | 29⅝ |
| Amer Genl Corp | 32⅝ | 32⅛ |
| Amer Home Pr | 84⅛ | 84⅛ |
| Amer Intl | 128⅛ | 128⅛ |
| Amer Stores | 40⅛ | 40 |
| Amer T & T | 59⅝ | 59⅝ |
| Amerltech | 77⅛ | 77⅝ |
| Amoco | 58⅛ | 58⅛ |
| Anheuser-Busch | 51⅛ | 51⅛ |
| Apple Computer | 51⅛ | 50 |
| Archer Daniels | 24⅛ | 24⅛ |
| Arkla | 9⅛ | 9⅛ |
| Armco | 6⅝ | 7 |
| Armstrong Wrld | 33⅛ | 32⅝ |
| Asarco | 21⅛ | 21½ |
| Ashland Oil | 27⅞ | 27⅛ |
| Atl Richfield | 128⅛ | 125⅝ |
| Aunt Detz Pro | 52⅝ | 50⅝ |
| Avery Dennison | 39 | 39 |
| Avon Products | 61 | 60⅞ |
| Baker Hughes | 25⅜ | 25⅝ |
| Baltim Gas & El | 26⅛ | 25⅞ |
| Banc One | 60⅛ | 60 |
| BankAmerica | 52⅜ | 51⅛ |
| Bank of NY | 60⅛ | 59⅝ |
| Bankers Tr NY | 75⅛ | 75⅛ |
| Barnett Banks | 48⅝ | 47⅞ |
| Bausch & Lomb | 51⅛ | 50⅝ |
| Baxter Intl | 28⅝ | 28⅝ |
| Bectn Dickinsn | 34⅝ | 34⅝ |
| Bell Atlantic | 54⅝ | 54⅝ |
| BellSouth | 35⅝ | 35⅞ |
| Black & Decker | 17⅞ | 17⅞ |
| Black [R&R] | 34⅝ | 35⅛ |
| Boeing | 36⅛ | 36⅝ |
| Boise Cascade | 35⅞ | 35⅝ |
| Borden Inc | 26 | 26⅛ |
| Bristol Myrs Sq | 58⅜ | 58⅝ |
| Browning Ferris | 26⅝ | 26⅛ |
| Burlington Ntbn | 55 | 54⅝ |
| CBS | 237⅛ | 230 |
| CNA Financial | 98⅝ | 99⅝ |
| CPC Intl | 42⅝ | 42⅝ |
| CSX | 71⅝ | 71⅝ |
| Campbell Soup | 40⅞ | 40 |
| Can Pacific | 15⅝ | 15⅜ |
| Cpnl Cities ABC | 549⅝ | 539⅞ |
| Cpnl Holdings | 83⅝ | 83⅝ |
| Carolina Pwr | 33 | 33 |
| Caterpillar | 61 | 60⅝ |
| Central & SW | 33⅛ | 33⅛ |
| Champion Intl | 31 | 31⅛ |
| Chase Manhat | 37⅞ | 36⅝ |
| Chemical Bk | 43⅝ | 42⅝ |
| Chevron Corp | 84⅝ | 84⅞ |
| Chrysler | 49⅛ | 48⅞ |
| Chubb Corp | 96 | 95⅝ |
| Cigna Corp | 61⅛ | 61⅛ |
| Cincnp | 30⅛ | 30⅛ |
| Cinrin | 48⅝ | 47⅞ |
| Coastal Corp | 27⅛ | 27⅛ |
| Coca Cola | 39⅝ | 39⅝ |
| Colgate-Palmolive | 82 | 81⅞ |
| Columbia Gas | 23 | 23⅝ |
| Commonw Ed | 27⅞ | 27⅝ |
| Compaq Comp | 52⅛ | 52⅞ |
| Comp Ass Int | 24⅛ | 23⅞ |
| Conagra | 24⅛ | 24⅛ |
| Cons Edison | 36⅛ | 36⅝ |
| Cons Nat Gas | 30⅜ | 31⅛ |
| Contl Bell | 40⅝ | 38⅞ |
| Cooper Inds | 46⅛ | 46⅛ |
| Corning Inc | 34⅛ | 34⅝ |
| Crown Cork | 37⅞ | 37⅞ |
| Dana Corp | 47 | 46⅝ |
| Dayton Hudson | 78⅛ | 78⅛ |
| Deere | 58⅝ | 56⅝ |
| Delta Air Lines | 58⅛ | 58⅝ |
| Deluxe Corp | 43⅛ | 43 |
| Detroit Edison | 25⅞ | 25⅝ |
| Digital Equip | 40⅛ | 40⅛ |
| Dillard Dept St | 40 | 41⅛ |
| Disney (Walt) | 42⅛ | 41⅛ |
| Dominion Res | 44⅝ | 44⅛ |
| Donelley (RR) | 28⅝ | 27⅝ |
| Dover Corp | 48⅝ | 48 |
| Dow Chemicals | 49⅞ | 50⅛ |
| Dow Jones | 32⅛ | 32⅛ |
| Dresser | 21⅛ | 21⅛ |
| Duke Power | 40⅛ | 40⅛ |
| Dun & Bradstreet | 59⅝ | 59⅝ |
| Du Pont | 50⅛ | 50 |
| Eastman Kodak | 55⅛ | 55⅛ |
| Eaton Corp | 67⅛ | 67⅛ |

| | Apr 13 midday | Apr 12 close |
|---|---|---|
| Emerson Elec | 61⅛ | 61⅛ |
| Engelhard Corp | 36 | 36⅛ |
| Enron Corp | 59⅛ | 59⅝ |
| Entergy Corp | 37⅞ | 37 |
| Exxon Corp | 28⅜ | 28⅛ |
| Fed Nat Mtge | 68⅝ | 68⅛ |
| FMC Corp | 46⅝ | 46⅛ |
| FPL Group | 37⅞ | 37½ |
| Federal Express | 64⅛ | 63⅞ |
| Fed Home Loan | 81⅛ | 80⅞ |
| First Chicago | 44⅞ | 43⅝ |
| First Interstate | 61 | 61⅛ |
| First Union Rity | 12⅝ | 12⅝ |
| Fleet Fincl Grp | 37⅞ | 36⅞ |
| Fluor Corp | 43⅝ | 42⅛ |
| Ford Motor | 55⅝ | 55⅝ |
| GTE Corp | 36⅜ | 36⅛ |
| Gannett | 54 | 54 |
| Gap Inc Del | 29⅝ | 28⅜ |
| Gen Cinema | 35⅞ | 35⅝ |
| Gen Dynamics | 95⅞ | 96⅛ |
| Gen Electric | 93⅜ | 93⅛ |
| Gen Mills | 67⅞ | 68⅛ |
| Gen Motors | 39⅞ | 39⅛ |
| Gen Reinsurance | 116½ | 117½ |
| Gen Signal | 62⅝ | 62⅛ |
| Genuine Parts | 35 | 35⅛ |
| Georgia Pac | 61 | 60 |
| Gillette | 56⅞ | 56⅛ |
| Glaxo ADR | 17⅜ | 16⅞ |
| Goodrich (BF) | 49 | 49⅛ |
| Goodyear Tire | 78 | 78⅜ |
| Grace (Wlkt) | 40 | 39⅝ |
| Grt Atl Pac Tea | 26⅛ | 26½ |
| Great Wstn Fin | 18⅝ | 18⅝ |
| Halliburton | 37⅞ | 36⅜ |
| Heinz (HJ) | 37⅞ | 38⅛ |
| Hercules | 76⅛ | 76 |
| Hershey Foods | 52⅛ | 51⅛ |
| Hewlett Packard | 76⅛ | 75⅝ |
| Hilton Hotels | 47⅞ | 47⅞ |
| Home Depot | 59⅜ | 58⅛ |
| Homestake | 13⅞ | 13⅝ |
| Honeywell | 33⅝ | 33⅜ |
| Household Intl | 70⅛ | 70⅛ |
| Houston Inds | 48⅛ | 47⅝ |
| Humana | 6 | 6⅛ |
| ITT Corp | 80 | 80⅛ |
| Illinois Tool | 73⅝ | 73⅝ |
| INCO | 23 | 23 |
| Ingersoll Rand | 30⅝ | 30⅝ |
| Inland Steel | 22⅝ | 22⅝ |
| Intel Corp | 115⅞ | 117⅜ |
| IBM | 50⅛ | 50⅛ |
| Intl Flav & Fr | 114⅝ | 113⅜ |
| Intl Paper | 63 | 63⅛ |
| James River Va | 19 | 19 |
| Jhnsn & Jhnsn | 39⅝ | 40 |
| K Mart | 22⅜ | 23 |
| Kellogg | 58⅛ | 58½ |
| Kerr-McGee | 49⅝ | 49⅝ |
| Kimberly-Clark | 53⅛ | 53⅜ |
| Knight-Ridder | 57⅛ | 57 |
| Lilly (Eli) | 46⅝ | 46⅛ |
| Limited Inc | 23⅝ | 23⅛ |
| Ltn Brdcasng | 81⅛ | 81⅛ |
| Lincoln Nat | 85⅝ | 85⅜ |
| Limon | 55⅛ | 55⅝ |
| Lockheed Corp | 65⅞ | 66 |
| Louisiana Pac | 72⅛ | 71⅛ |
| MCI Commun | 48⅝ | 49 |
| Marriott | 25⅝ | 25⅝ |
| Marsh & McLnn | 95⅝ | 94⅞ |
| Martin Marietta | 74⅝ | 74⅛ |
| Mascp Corp | 21 | 21⅛ |
| May Dept St | 78⅛ | 77⅝ |
| Maytag Corp | 13⅝ | 13⅜ |
| McCaw Cellular | 36⅜ | 37⅛ |
| McDonalds | 51⅛ | 51⅛ |
| McDonnell D | 59⅞ | 61⅛ |
| McGraw Hill | 63⅛ | 63⅝ |
| Mead Corp | 41⅛ | 41⅛ |
| Medtronic | 59⅝ | 59⅝ |
| Merlon Rk | 67 | 66⅛ |
| Merrlle Corp | 46 | 45⅞ |
| Merck Inc | 34⅜ | 34⅛ |
| Merrill Lynch | 76 | 71⅛ |
| Minnesota Mine | 111⅛ | 110⅝ |
| Mobil Corp | 71 | 70⅞ |
| Monsanto | 52⅞ | 52⅝ |
| Morgan (JP) | 72⅛ | 70⅝ |
| Motorola Inc | 73⅛ | 70⅝ |
| Natl Medical | 7⅛ | 7⅛ |
| Natl Semi | 13⅜ | 13⅜ |
| Natl Service Ind | 25⅞ | 24⅛ |
| Navistar Int | 2⅜ | 2⅜ |
| NBD Bancorp | 35⅝ | 36⅛ |
| NY Times A | 30⅝ | 30⅝ |
| Newmont Mng | 41 | 40⅝ |
| Nlsg Mohawk | 22⅝ | 22⅝ |
| Nike B | 74⅛ | 73⅛ |
| NL Industries | 5⅛ | 5⅛ |
| Nordstrom | 29⅜ | 30⅛ |
| Norfolk Sthrn | 65⅛ | 64⅝ |
| Nthn States Pwr | 46 | 46 |
| Norwest Corp | 55⅝ | 55⅛ |
| Nynex Corp | 90 | 90⅛ |
| Occidental Pe | 23⅛ | 23⅝ |
| Ohio Edison | 25⅛ | 25⅛ |

| | Apr 13 midday | Apr 12 close |
|---|---|---|
| Oracle Systems | 35⅞ | 35⅞ |
| Otyn Energy Co | 24⅛ | 23⅝ |
| PNC Financial | 39⅝ | 39⅝ |
| PPG Industries | 69⅛ | 67⅞ |
| Paccar Inc | 66⅛ | 66 |
| Pacificorp | 18⅝ | 18⅛ |
| Pac Enterprises | 24⅝ | 24⅝ |
| Pac Gas & Elec | 25⅞ | 25⅛ |
| Pac Telesis | 47⅛ | 47⅛ |
| Pall Corp | 18⅝ | 18⅛ |
| Panhandle East | 23⅝ | 23⅛ |
| Paramnt Comm | 51 | 51⅛ |
| Parker Hannifin | 31 | 31 |
| Penney (JC) | 68⅝ | 67⅞ |
| Pennzoil | 58⅝ | 58 |
| Pepsico | 39⅝ | 39⅝ |
| Pfizer | 84⅝ | 84⅛ |
| Phelps Dodge | 45⅞ | 44⅝ |
| Philadel Elec | 30⅝ | 30⅝ |
| Phillip Morris | 48⅛ | 47⅞ |
| Phillips Pet | 30⅞ | 30⅝ |
| Pitney Bowes | 43⅞ | 43⅞ |
| Polaroid | 28⅜ | 28⅜ |
| Price Co | 31⅛ | 31⅛ |
| Primerica | 48⅝ | 46⅝ |
| Procter & Gmbl | 47⅞ | 47⅞ |
| Pub Serv E & G | 34⅛ | 34⅛ |
| Quaker Oats | 64 | 63 |
| Ralston Purina | 48⅛ | 48⅛ |
| Raychem Corp | 39⅜ | 39⅜ |
| Raytheon | 58⅛ | 58 |
| Reebok Intl | 34 | 34 |
| Reynolds Metals | 44⅛ | 44⅛ |
| Roadway Svcs | 65⅞ | 62⅝ |
| Rockwell Intl | 32⅞ | 32⅞ |
| Rohm & Haas | 56 | 55⅝ |
| Royal Dutch | 91⅛ | 90⅝ |
| Rubbermaid | 33⅞ | 33⅛ |
| Safeco Corp | 65⅞ | 63⅜ |
| St Paul's Cos | 39⅛ | 39⅛ |
| Salomon Inc | 38⅝ | 38⅛ |
| Santa Fe S Pac | 15⅞ | 15⅞ |
| Sara Lee Corp | 25⅝ | 25⅝ |
| Scecorp | 47⅛ | 47⅛ |
| Schering Plough | 60⅞ | 59⅝ |
| Schlumberger | 65⅞ | 65⅛ |
| Scott Paper | 36 | 35⅞ |
| Seagram | 27⅞ | 27⅝ |
| Sears Roebuck | 53⅞ | 53⅜ |
| Shell Trans | 55⅝ | 55 |
| Sherwin Wllms | 33⅝ | 33 |
| Skyline Corp | 19⅛ | 19⅛ |
| Snap-On-Tools | 34⅛ | 33⅞ |
| Southern Co | 44⅞ | 44 |
| Sthwestern Bell | 77⅞ | 78 |
| Sprint Corp | 32⅞ | 32⅝ |
| Stanley Works | 47 | 47⅛ |
| Sun Company | 23⅞ | 24 |
| Suntrust | 48⅝ | 47⅞ |
| Supervalu | 32 | 31⅞ |
| Sybase Corp | 18⅛ | 18 |
| Sysco Corp | 24⅝ | 24⅝ |
| TRW Inc | 63⅞ | 63⅝ |
| Tandem Comp | 11⅛ | 11⅛ |
| Tandy Corp | 30⅝ | 29⅝ |
| Telecom Corp | 2⅝ | 2⅝ |
| Teledyne | 22⅛ | 22⅛ |
| Temple Inland | 45⅞ | 45⅞ |
| Tenneco | 48⅝ | 48⅝ |
| Texaco | 64⅝ | 64⅝ |
| Texas Instr | 58⅛ | 57⅝ |
| Texas Utilities | 46⅝ | 46⅞ |
| Textron | 46⅛ | 46⅝ |
| Time Warner | 32⅛ | 32⅝ |
| Times-Mirror | 31⅛ | 31⅛ |
| Timken | 29⅝ | 30⅞ |
| Torchmark | 61⅛ | 60⅞ |
| Toys R Us | 40⅝ | 39⅝ |
| Transamerica | 36⅛ | 35⅝ |
| Travelers Corp | 27⅞ | 27⅞ |
| Tribune | 56⅛ | 56 |
| Tyco Labs | 43⅝ | 43 |
| UAL Corp | 143⅞ | 141½ |
| UST Inc | 28⅝ | 27 |
| USX Marathon | 19⅝ | 19⅝ |
| Unilever NV | 115⅝ | 114⅝ |
| Union Camp | 42⅝ | 42⅝ |
| Union Carbide | 17⅝ | 18 |
| Union Pacific | 66⅛ | 65⅞ |
| Unisys Corp | 13⅜ | 13⅛ |
| USAIR Group | 25⅞ | 26 |
| USF&G Corp | 16⅝ | 16⅛ |
| US Life | 38⅞ | 38⅝ |
| US West | 45⅝ | 45⅜ |
| United Tech | 49⅝ | 48⅞ |
| Unocal Corp | 30⅛ | 30 |
| Upjohn | 28⅞ | 28⅝ |
| VF Corp | 50⅝ | 48⅝ |
| Wal-Mart Stores | 28⅝ | 30 |
| Warner-Lambert | 70⅞ | 70⅝ |
| Waste Mgmnt Inc | 30 | 30⅛ |
| Wells Fargo | 116⅛ | 115⅞ |
| Westinghouse El | 15⅝ | 15⅝ |
| Weyerhaeuser | 42⅝ | 42⅝ |
| Whirlpool | 55 | 54⅝ |
| Whitman | 14⅛ | 14⅛ |
| Winn Dixie | 59⅛ | 58⅝ |
| Woolworth | 30⅛ | 31⅛ |
| Wrigley (Wm) Jr | 32⅛ | 32⅛ |
| Xerox | 79⅛ | 79⅛ |

# Floats and cash calls bring fresh impetus to investors

THE resurgence of a variety of fundraising methods and new issues is prompting talk in the City of sustained interest from institutions and private investors in fresh vehicles of investment. Returns on cash have diminished while the stock market has been relatively buoyant, boosted by improving recovery prospects.

Despite the postponement of the planned flotation of 3i, the venture capital group, investors continue to confirm a new-found appetite for new issues. Noble Grossart, the Edinburgh merchant bank handling Stagecoach Holdings' stock market debut, had hastily to arrange a print run for an extra 30,000 mini-prospectuses after the initial 60,000 ran out.

A variety of capital-raising methods, from new issues to placings and rights issues, has again enjoyed considerable interest, with the first quarter of 1993 showing a marked increase in activity.

According to recent figures from IFR Securities Data, the financial and mergers information specialist, there were 119 issues totalling £4.7 billion in the first quarter of this year, compared with 85 issues totalling £2.93 billion in the the first quarter of 1992 — a 40 per cent rise in issuance and a 61 per cent advance in underwriting volume.

Of the total, 63 per cent (£2.97 billion) related to rights issues, compared with 53 per cent in the first quarter of 1992 and 34 per cent for the whole of 1992. The average take-up rate is also high, running at 89.9 per cent, against 77.6 per cent in Q1 of 1992 and 69.1 per cent for 1992 as a whole.

Morgan Grenfell heads the league table for this quarter with £779.1 million, a 75 per cent rise on 1992's total volume, largely due to two rights issues — £354 million for Asda and £302 million for Bowater.

Lazard Brothers is second with £654 million, against £211.6 million for the whole of 1992. Warburg, number one this time last year, has slipped to third place with £602.2 million so far. But its £1.54 billion 1992 total should be exceeded with the Zeneca demerger from ICI and its proposed £1.3 billion rights issue.

John Walter, at IFR Securities Data, said: "The market is striving to expand, and at a reasonable rate, although it's not booming yet."

Among recent flotations, Quality Software Products enjoyed a healthy premium after strong demand, while David Lloyd Leisure was almost seven times oversubscribed. At the end of last week, Holiday Chemicals saw a confident start.

Secondary issues also continue to draw money from shareholders, with rights issues raising £3 billion so far this year. Sizeable issues are due from BT, estimated at £5 billion, and the proposed £1.3 billion rights issue from Zeneca. This is on top of a hefty gilts programme, with the Bank of England aiming to raise £1 billion a week.

However, all this has prompted City concerns about future liquidity problems, while the revival in corporate activity remains fragile. Recent management buyout figures from KPMG Corporate Finance reflect signs of caution, with deals taking longer to complete. Chris Beresford, KPMG's head of MBOs, said: "The figures for the first quarter were low, but there are MBOs in the pipeline which will complete over the coming months. Also some deals, which would have fallen into the first quarter of 1993, were hurried to completion before the 1992 year end."


Rapid return: David Lloyd Leisure was oversubscribed

GILT-EDGED

# Lower demand for funding squeezes yields

Gilts appear to be an expensive government bond market. Current yields are a good 100 basis points below the levels that consensus forecasts for inflation and the budget deficit would indicate is fair value. This is not a recent development. The situation has prevailed for most of this year, though the deviation is now at its highest. This is not a feature of the UK alone. Australia, Germany, France, Holland and Switzerland have all experienced far stronger bond rallies than economic forecasts would have indicated. The degree of outperformance by the UK, though, is exceptional. What is happening?

The fact that this is not exclusively a UK phenomenon indicates that something is happening in global capital markets. The obvious thought is that the markets have a greater belief in a modest recovery, with subdued inflation, than forecasters. It would not be the first time the consensus expectation of forecasters had proved to be wrong. But their expectations for inflation are not extreme and have changed relatively little. It may even be argued that with commodity prices beginning to rise, inflation expectations could have been expected to increase. The fact that they have not, and nominal yields have fallen, indicates that real yields have probably fallen. The fall of 50 basis points in real yields on index-linked stock provides supportive evidence. For this to have happened, expected demand for finance must have fallen relative to the supply of savings.

Two developments indicate that this is what has happened. The first was President Clinton's budget proposals that seek to reduce the US budget deficit. That has been followed by a similar approach in the UK, proposed tax increases in Germany and, I suspect, a tougher approach to public spending by the new French administration. Expectations about budget deficits have therefore fallen.

The second development has been the reduction in the demands on capital markets placed by G7 governments. From 1986 until recently, G7 governments' borrowing requirements were increasing relative to their budget deficits. Indeed, public sector borrowing requirements as a proportion of GDP have exceeded those reached in earlier recessions and have been 2 per cent higher than budget deficits. G7 governments therefore laid claim to the same proportion of savings as in earlier recessions, without providing the same degree of fiscal stimulus.

The widening of the gap between borrowing requirements and budget deficits was accounted for largely by three factors: the bailing out of the savings and loan associations in the US, reunification costs in Germany, and the privatisation of state assets in many economies, notably the UK. The impact of these factors is now easing.

The S&L bailout is over, growth of reunification costs in Germany, although still significant, is slowing, while privatisation continues, though less in the UK than elsewhere. Budget deficits remain high but borrowing requirements are falling and are bringing global real interest rates down.

This supportive global background can go only part of the way to explaining gilts' recent performance. A second, essentially British, factor is liability-driven purchases of gilts by domestic pension funds. The UK has a high proportion of mature funds and their actuaries have demanded higher yields from their assets. The proportion of cash flows devoted to gilts purchases has had to increase. Statistics for the first quarter are not yet available but it would not be surprising to see a sizable advance on the 4 per cent of UK pension funds held in conventional gilts at the end of last year. Whether that is appropriate in the longer term, may depend on the outlook for property. This has been a neglected asset class in recent years, but yields now match those on gilts, while providing protection from unexpected inflation in the future.

There may be a shortage of appropriate properties with "triple A" rated tenants, but the advent of "junk" bond yields on less attractive properties may be sufficient to tip the balance.

One thing is clear. Competition for savings will be acute this year. The UK government, while failing to control its own deficit, has received indirect support this year from overseas governments reducing theirs. Fears that overseas investors would not buy gilts except on a yield premium were replaced by relief that overseas governments had reduced their calls on global financial markets. Further pleasant surprises are unlikely this quarter. Trends in gilt yields therefore seem likely to be more sensitive to the domestic flow of funds.

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NEW ISSUES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Anglo United Warrants | ½ | ... |
| David Lloyd Leisure (150) | 176 | ... |
| Fiem Emrgng Mkts (100) | 103 | ... |
| For & Col US Sir Cos (100) | 102 | ... |
| For & Col US Sir Wts | 41 | ... |
| Hambros Ins Serv (138) | 145 | ... |
| Holliday Chemical (195) | 209 | −4 |
| Motor World (210) | 263 | ... |
| Pilot Inv Trust (100) | 97½ | ... |
| Pilot Inv Wts | 27 | ... |
| Qty Software Prods (380) | 480 | ... |
| Schroder Split Fund (100) | 104½ | ... |
| -do- Split Fund Cap (20) | 20 | ... |
| -do- Split Zero Div Pf (100) | 101¼ | + ½ |
| Wts & Value Inv Tst (25) | 25½ | ... |
| Yorkshire Food (110) | 135 | ... |

RIGHTS ISSUES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| BSG n/p (62) | 1 | − ½ |
| Bilston & Battersea n/p (20) | 9 | ... |
| Clyde Petroleum n/p (44) | 2¾ | − ¾ |
| Ensor n/p (10) | ¾ | ... |
| Ingham n/p (100) | 6 | ... |

MAJOR CHANGES

| RISES: | | |
|---|---|---|
| BOC | 723p | (+13p) |
| Lloyds | 545p | (+11p) |
| Siebe | 465p | (+15p) |
| Standard Chart | 709p | (+11p) |
| Bass | 563p | (+16p) |
| Commercial Union | 628p | (+17p) |
| Guinness | 482p | (+15p) |
| Cable Wireless | 747p | (+17p) |
| General Accident | 613p | (+19p) |
| Smith New Court | 221p | (+11p) |
| Booker | 382p | (+11p) |
| Dalgety | 451p | (+10p) |
| J Sainsbury | 472p | (+14p) |
| FALLS: | | |
| Bespak | 658p | (-20p) |
| ADT | 580p | (-10p) |
| Manpower | 994p | (-32p) |
| Domino | 510p | (-13p) |
| Glaxo | 553p | (-19p) |

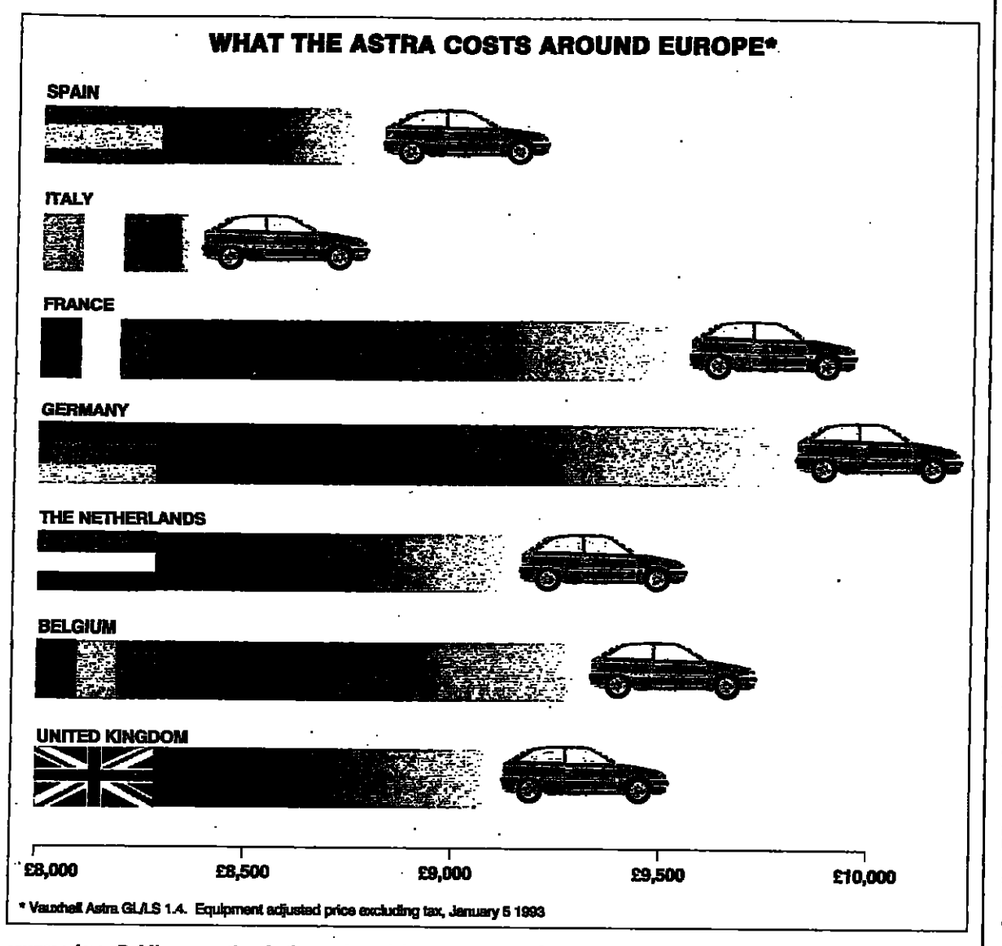
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BRITISH FUNDS

| 1992/93 High | Low | Stock | Price £ | +/- | Int yld % | Gross red yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SHORTS (under 5 years)** | | | | | | |
| 103¹⁄₃₂ | 101¼ | Treas 12¼% 1995 | 101⅞ | − ⅛ | 12.29 | 5.67 |
| 100⅝ | 99¹⁄₃₂ | Treas 6% 1993 | 100⅛ | − ⅛ | 5.99 | 5.61 |
| 106¼ | 104¹⁄₃₂ | Treas 13¾ 1993 | 104¹⁄₃₂ | − ⅛ | 13.11 | 5.55 |
| 102¹⁄₃₂ | 101¹⁄₃₂ | Treas 8½% 1994 | 102¼ | ... | 8.31 | 5.52 |
| 109¼ | 107¼ | Treas 14⅜ 1994 | 107¼ | ... | 13.47 | 5.55 |
| 109⅜ | 107¹⁄₃₂ | Exch 13½% 1994 | 107¹⁄₃₂ | − ⅛ | 12.51 | 5.58 |
| 105¹⁄₃₂ | 104¼ | Treas 10% 1994 | 104¼ | ... | 9.55 | 5.69 |
| 110⅛ | 108¹⁄₃₂ | Exch 12½% 1994 | 108¹⁄₃₂ | ... | 11.30 | 5.77 |
| 105¹⁄₃₂ | 103¹⁄₃₂ | Treas 9% 1994 | 104¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 8.59 | 5.80 |
| 111¹⁄₃₂ | 109¹⁄₃₂ | Treas 12% 1995 | 110¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 10.89 | 5.94 |
| 96½ | 91 | Gas 3% 1990-95 | 96½ | + ⅛ | 3.12 | 5.04 |
| 109¼ | 107¼ | Exch 10½% 1995 | 108¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 9.42 | 6.04 |
| 116¼ | 114⅝ | Treas 12½% 1995 | 115¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 11.04 | 6.16 |
| 120⅝ | 117¹⁄₃₂ | Treas 14% 1996 | 119¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 11.74 | 6.34 |
| 125¼ | 122⅝ | Treas 15½% 1996 | 124¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 12.29 | 6.48 |
| 120¹⁄₃₂ | 116¹⁄₃₂ | Exch 13½% 1996 | 118¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 11.17 | 6.50 |
| 111¼ | 109 | Conv 10% 1996 | 110¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 9.01 | 6.52 |
| 122⅝ | 119¼ | Treas 13¼ 1997 | 121¼ | + ⅛ | 10.92 | 6.72 |
| 117⅜ | 115¹⁄₃₂ | Exch 10½% 1997 | 115¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 9.30 | 6.65 |
| 108¹⁄₃₂ | 105½ | Treas 8½% 1997 | 107¼ | + ⅛ | 8.12 | 6.66 |
| 132⅛ | 128¹⁄₃₂ | Exch 13% 1997 | 130¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 11.45 | 6.93 |
| 112⅝ | 109¹⁄₃₂ | Exch 9¼% 1998 | 111¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 8.74 | 6.85 |
| **MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)** | | | | | | |
| 103¼ | 99¹⁄₃₂ | Treas 7¼% 1998 | 102¼ | + ⅛ | 7.08 | 6.66 |
| 101 | 97¹⁄₃₂ | Treas 6½% 1995-98 | 100¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 6.72 | 6.66 |
| 138¹⁄₃₂ | 134¼ | Treas 15⅞ 1998 | 137¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 11.30 | 7.13 |
| 122⅛ | 118¹⁄₃₂ | Exch 12⅜ 1998 | 121¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 9.87 | 7.24 |
| 112¼ | 108⅛ | Treas 9½% 1999 | 111¼ | + ⅛ | 8.53 | 7.05 |
| 124¹⁄₃₂ | 120⅜ | Exch 12½% 1999 | 123¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 9.93 | 7.31 |
| 117¹⁄₃₂ | 113¼ | Treas 10½% 1999 | 116¼ | + ⅛ | 9.04 | 7.17 |
| 117¹⁄₃₂ | 112¹⁄₃₂ | Conv 10½% 1999 | 115¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 8.87 | 7.23 |
| 110¹⁄₃₂ | 106 | Conv 9% 2000 | 109¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 8.21 | 7.17 |
| 131 | 125¼ | Treas 13% 2000 | 129¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 10.06 | 7.61 |
| 115¹⁄₃₂ | 109¹⁄₃₂ | Treas 10% 2001 | 114¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 8.74 | 7.52 |
| 129¼ | 125¼ | Treas 14% 1998-01 | 128¼ | + ⅛ | 10.93 | 7.30 |
| 114¹⁄₃₂ | 108¼ | Treas 9½% 2002 | 113¼ | + ⅛ | 8.39 | 7.68 |
| 103¹⁄₃₂ | 97¼ | Treas 8% 2003 | 102¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 7.80 | 7.81 |
| 116¼ | 109¼ | Treas 10% 2003 | 115¼ | + ⅛ | 8.68 | 7.81 |
| 122⅝ | 116¼ | Treas 11¾% 2001-04 | 121¹⁄₃₂ | + ⅛ | 9.67 | 7.80 |
| 74¹⁄₃₂ | 67¹⁄₃₂ | Fund 3½% 1999-04

# Europe takes the bumpy road towards car price harmony

**Car manufacturers and consumer groups argue over surveys while the EC calls for price differentials to be cut to 12 per cent, says Tom Walker**




These are tricky times for Europe's motor industry executives. Sales may be showing signs of improvement after two grim years, but in Brussels, the European Commission's competition directorate hangs incubus-like over the carmakers.

One former minister described the Fords and Vauxhalls of this world as drinking in their last-chance saloon. Sir Leon Brittan, the former competition commissioner, gave a warning that if price levels in Europe were not brought within a 12 per cent differential, trouble loomed. Karel van Miert, his successor, takes the same view. Consumer surveys show that price differences are as large as 40 per cent, with Britain at the wrong end of the scale. The industry has until 1995 to put things right. By that time, the commission, if it has the political nerve, could rule that the selective distribution system — dealerships — which governs the choice of car buyers, should be scrapped. Forcing independent retailers into the car market would radically alter the nature of the industry in Europe and is a prospect that leaves car executives numb with fear.

In many ways, it was no surprise when Tom Dobbyn, Vauxhall's manager of corporate and business affairs, paid *The Times* office in Brussels a visit, armed with bar charts to show that the consumer associations had got it wrong. "We've come to close the loop," he said. "Here in Brussels you only hear Sir Leon Brittan's angle on it." The Vauxhall argument is that cars are at least as cheap in Britain as on the continent. It is backed up with a folder of information, compiled by A T Kearney, the management consultancy group, that calls into question, in particular, a study by the Bureau of European Consumer Unions, which was widely reported last year.

David Wallis, director of business planning at Vauxhall, said: "This is a counterbalance to BEUC and the consumer people, who come up with a lot of emotion and so-called fact. It is not the selective distribution itself that is at fault. The list prices do show significant differences throughout Europe, but that is because of traditions and economic situations that vary from country to country."

Vauxhall argues that British car buyers are offered a package of benefits, such as free insurance for a year and competitive finance deals, that are not reflected in the list prices. With these in the equation, the A T Kearney report shows that on January 5, 1993, the Vauxhall Astra GL 1.4, with "equipment-adjusted price", was cheaper in Britain than anywhere else in Europe, except Italy and Spain. Sterling's withdrawal from the exchange-rate mechanism helped, but was not the whole story, Vauxhall said.

"The basis on which BEUC did their report was incorrect," Mr Wallis said. "Vauxhall is now producing factual counter-data. Public perception is the problem. We are telling people to look at the evidence, look at the facts."

Devices such as "equipment-adjusted prices" make BEUC officials see red. Only one month before the Astra comparison, BEUC issued a chart that showed a Ford Fiesta was almost twice as expensive in Britain as it was in Greece. The organisation said things had not altered radically since, nor did Ford's and Vauxhall's pricing policies differ drastically.

Laura Mosca, BEUC's car specialist, said: "They [the car industry] modulate their prices but we just make a simple comparison — the real price on the market taken over one month. For the consumer, the methodology is simple. It has to be." She is critical of car company executives who do not consult BEUC. "When we do banking comparisons, the banks always come and talk to us, but the car industry is completely different, completely closed," she said.

However, other car industry executives agree with Vauxhall that BEUC has taken too extreme a position on the British car sector. Per Norinder, vice-president of marketing and sales for Volvo Car Europe, said: "Britain is now really cheap. You have somewhat lower dealer margins and I might even say fair pricing. They are competitive."

Mr Wallis believes dealerships are still the best way to sell cars. He pointed to experiments in Britain where Asda tried selling cars, but failed, because trade-ins were not possible and there was no effective after-sales service. He also claimed the American model, where 20 makes can be available in the same showroom, was an illusion. "The reality is that it is 20 different dealerships on the same street."

The argument is that as long as cars need to be serviced, customers need dealerships. "We lay down standards of conduct and training," Mr Wallis said. "If you have a free-for-all, then you lose control. Look at the white goods industry now. It is a disaster — you cannot even get your toaster fixed."

From May, the commission intends to test salesmen and mechanics. Carmakers will have to select a representative car from their product range and publish its price in ecus and local currency in each member state. They will also have to provide information on delivery costs, warranty, roadside assistance options and common extras such as right-hand drive steering. The manufacturers will also have to publish the list each November. The threat from Brussels is that those who do not comply will be most at risk of losing their right to distribute through exclusive dealerships.

Vauxhall does not object. Mr Wallis said: "Ultimately, if you are going to have success then you have to give the customer what he wants." But he gave a warning that perennial British problems, such as the near-impossibility of buying a right-hand drive car abroad, would not disappear overnight. "You've got to bear in mind that a dealer is an independent businessman. He is going to be seeking to keep investments at a minimum. He is seeking to move metal fast and at a return. We have a huge factory system that responds to the market plan. You cannot just throw a few right-hand drive models into the Belgian and French markets for good measure. The car industry will not build on spec any longer; the Japanese taught us how to build for orders. So, right versus left is not a cost issue, it is an availability issue."

Vauxhall promises that the right-hand drive car will be available abroad, but it will take time to have it delivered to the showroom. The commission said that dealerships must be able to take orders from customers for cars with specifications usually available only in another member state, but does not lay down time limits for delivery. Mr Wallis said Vauxhall customers would be able to shop where they wanted.

Mr van Miert has said nothing on the issue yet, and the commission is clearly giving the industry breathing space. While carmakers may criticise BEUC, it is only through the efforts of consumer groups that the differences in car prices throughout the EC have come to light. Real price harmonisation can come only when the EC achieves a single currency and a uniform value-added tax rate. But at least there are signs both from the bureaucracy and the industry that the customer has a right to full information and a better deal. "I think van Miert would be an idiot to come down on us now," Mr Wallis said. "Why change the road that we are on?"

## TEMPUS

### Dividend desperation

THE willingness of British finance directors to maintain dividend payments, come hell or high debt, does not bode well for the future of UK plc. Profit belongs to shareholders but they may prefer to see it reinvested sensibly in the business rather than funnelled into their bank accounts. If that was all they wanted, they might not have bothered investing in equities in the first place.

Recession has forced many companies to restrain dividend growth. Payments based on last year's earnings have fallen by 1 per cent, nowhere near as large as the fall in earnings. It is also considerably smaller than the dividend decline experienced in other European countries, such as Germany and Italy, where recession is only just beginning.

Some British companies are nevertheless still paying hefty dividends by raiding reserves or raising borrowings when a cut would be more prudent. Dividend cover has fallen to 1.7 times from an historic average of 2.5 times and will take years to rebuild. Some businesses are being forced to go to extreme lengths to reduce the cash outflow from their dividend. Witness Ladbroke's offer of an enhanced scrip despite the threat of dilution.

This is perhaps a reflection of the quiet power wielded by institutional managers who are unlikely to accept lower income as well as bad results. Companies are naturally cowed by the implicit threat of a slump in their share price if a large institutional stake is dumped on the market. Whatever the reasons, the problem for finance directors is that a dividend cut signals desperation rather than prudence. They should remember: better to be desperate today than obsolete tomorrow.

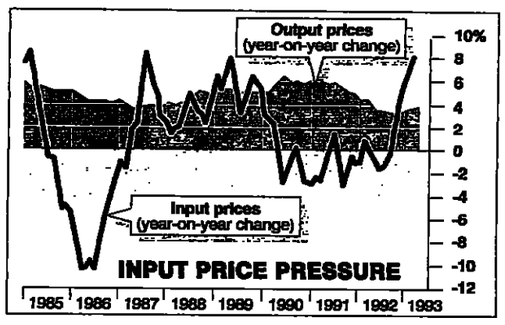
### Producer prices

YESTERDAY'S producer price figures provided ammunition for both the bulls and the bears of inflation. Inflationists noted the 1.1-point rise in year-on-year input price inflation to 8.3 per cent, compared with the previous month, as a sign that sterling's devaluation is putting continuing pressure on industry, which it will be forced to pass on.

Anti-inflationists were able to use the unchanged output price inflation of 3.7 per cent as evidence that industry is able to absorb the rise in costs with improvements in productivity.

The recent rise in sterling gives more weight to the latter case. Most of the cost of devaluation has passed through to British industry, and, if anything, the pressure on input prices could ease unless the pound begins to slide again. The key statistics to watch are unit labour costs, which have been falling as the result of low wage settlements and productivity improvements. If that trend ends, businesses may not be able to resist the urge to recover lost margins.

Price increases would restore confidence to the stock market, which seemed to be anxious before Easter about the pace of earnings recovery. But signs that inflation is returning could poison the gilts market, which is still uncomfortable with the size of the government's funding requirement, despite indications that the Bank of England is performing its task admirably.




### Royal Bank of Scotland

THE continuing expansion of Citizens, the Royal Bank of Scotland's subsidiary in New England, is proof that businesses can thrive in the most unpromising conditions. Citizens has not only remained profitable throughout the American recession, but has expanded through acquisition to become the largest bank in Rhode Island. Now it is moving into the much larger market in Massachusetts, a state that has been the graveyard of more banks than the federal authorities would care to remember.

The latest $95 million acquisition of Boston Five gives Citizens 36 branches in Massachusetts, which it will need to increase substantially to gain critical mass. At 1.2 times book value, the bank is cheap provided the lending is in good order. Even so, the fact that Boston Five is profitable and being sold at a premium shows the market for banks in the region is fast recovering. A year ago they could be purchased out of insolvency at deep discounts. If the trend continues, the Royal Bank may be forced to pay much higher premiums to fulfil its desire of earning a tenth of profits in America.

### TI Group

THE annual report from TI Group demonstrates how sick the figures of many companies will look if proposals on acquisition accounting from the Accounting Standards Board come into force. The accounts show that TI used £45 million of its acquisition provisions during 1992 to rationalise recent acquisitions.

If the group had been forced to take these through its profit and loss account they would have more than halved last year's £87.4 million profit. Little wonder that the group is keen to refer to its new "normalised" earnings figure which ignores such unusual items.

TI followers will be relieved to see the group has another £36 million of provisions stored up. Much of this will be used in the current year while pre-tax profits are forecast to rise to more than £130 million. The provisions should be exhausted just as the ASB's tough proposals on provisioning are likely to come into force. By luck or judgment, perfect timing.

### FR Group

INVESTING in the defence industry has been an ineffective way to counter the effects of the recession, thanks to the changing political climate. Against the trend, FR Group's shares have gained 50 per cent since December as the group has succeeded in bucking the difficult conditions in the defence and aerospace markets. Last year it managed a 9 per cent increase in pre-tax profits and has raised the dividend.

Although more than 65 per cent of its sales come from defence, the group has developed businesses in niche areas such as in-flight refuelling, where demand actually rises as air forces shrink. It has also been successful in cost control and further margin improvement is possible.

The market already appreciates FR's success. The shares are on a small discount to the market but unlikely to close the gap while investor sentiment about the aerospace industry remains so negative.

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### In praise of rejection

PAUL Ham's epic poem *Insolvency Week* about the stock market crash and recession, has survived the financial collapse of its publisher. The *magnum opus*, 200 pages of rhyming couplets, will see the light of day this week, after a month's delay. *Insolvency Week* might seem one of those impressive but peculiarly pointless achievements akin to building a scale model of the Taj Mahal out of matchsticks, but Ham, a former journalist with *Financial Adviser*, deserves some credit for his heroic labours. He claims to have launched his poetry career during lunch breaks at Amnesty International, where he is editor of the British campaign journal. I can only wish it success, even if one or two of the lines — "As swift the message passed to Clerkenwell, whose occupants were feeling less-than-well" — smack more of William McGonagall than Alexander Pope. Ham has dreamt up a clever trick for aspiring novelists. The encomiums on the dust-jacket — "I've read it with great pleasure" (Chatto & Windus); "Very amusing and obviously topical" (Macmillan) — are drawn from his rejection slips.

### End of term report

REGRESSION therapy is one of the trendier New Age panaceas, but the Australian Mutual Provident Society might have gone too far in an effort to cut absenteeism in the boardroom. Resorting to the tactics of the first-form teacher, the life insurance group has begun monitoring its directors' attendance. The company's latest report and accounts reveals that the group held 37 board meetings last year, with an attendance rate of 89 per cent for the 20 directors. First prize goes to Rod Wylie, a chartered accountant and board member since 1986 who managed an immaculate score of 30 out of 30. Close on his heels was Ian Salmon, who joined the board in 1991, with another perfect score of 28 out of 28. The biggest burden fell on Sir James Balderstone, chairman, who had 32 meetings to attend, but managed only 28. One wonders what his punishment might be.

### Rolls in to China

NIGEL Cornelius must have thought the omens were good when his Chinese hotel arranged for him to be picked up from the airport in a Rolls-Royce Silver Spur, imported from Hong Kong recently. Cornelius, Rolls-Royce's man in China, had travelled to Shantou, north of Hong Kong, to investigate the chances of opening a showroom. The interest was astonishing: Cornelius sold nine cars in three days from his room in the Shantou International Hotel. Fifteen new Royces — as the cars are known at the factory in Crewe, Cheshire — have arrived in China since August. Rolls-Royce now plans to open a showroom this summer. Its three-day sales venture in China yielded almost as many sales as in Britain, where only 17 were sold in March.




"I would buy now sir, before prices rise further"

### Trade places

IT is not unknown for financial journalists to tire of merely reporting the money-making exploits of others. But Daniel Martin, 29, knew only two years into his career as an energy trade journalist that he would rather act on his own ideas than write about others acting on others' ideas. After only eight months as a utility analyst with Robert Fleming Securities, he is moving to Smith New Court early next month to cover the water industry. "The outlook in trade magazines wasn't that bright," says Martin, a former business editor of *Electrical Review* and editor of the newsletter, *Inside Energy*. "I'll have more market power at Smith New Court."

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

## BUSINESS LETTERS

### Budget a calamity for oil industry

*From Mr David Collins*

Sir, I am the managing director of the only indigenous directional drilling company in the UK, and I ask the Chancellor to reconsider the catastrophic effects of his Budget, which, without any form of warning or consultation, has changed the entire tax structure of the UK oil and gas industry at a stroke. I have had complex and obscure answers to my letters to politicians on the subject; however, I am able to assure all of them that the situation here in Aberdeen is very clear.

The simple fact is that the tax changes have quadrupled the cost of drilling an exploration well in the UK. It is predicted by analysts that there is likely to be a 50 per cent drop in exploration drilling, with massive job losses and the diversion of activity to overseas areas.

We have not required an analyst to explain the effects to us; the rig on which we had a long-term contract with a major oil company had its programme of exploration cancelled within a few days of the announcement.

Because it has not discussed its plans with our industry, the Treasury has not understood the effects of its Budget, which will be to decimate exploration, cause tens of thousands of job losses, and even reduce taxation revenue. This cannot be in the interests of either our industry or our nation.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID COLLINS,
Collins Associates Directional Drilling Ltd,
86 Sinclair Road,
Aberdeen.

### Marlboro still an example of brand power

*From Mr J. M. Murphy*

Sir, The recent decision by Philip Morris to reduce the price in the US market of its Marlboro cigarettes to counter the threat of the discounters has been characterised by some analysts as signalling the death of brand power. Why brand, they argue, when discount brands and generics can take away your market share?

Few if any brand owners would however subscribe to this view as the primary function of brands is often not to secure a premium price but to capture security of demand. And even when the brand is, in addition, able to command a premium that premium needs to be kept under constant review. In the case of Marlboro the brand premium clearly became too great and an adjustment was called for. Perhaps, in view of Marlboro's long-sustained premium and huge market share, analysts should not predict the death of brand power but marvel at the ability of the brand to maintain a high market share for so long in the face of such a premium!

Yours faithfully,
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Interbrand Group,
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Covent Garden, WC2.

**Letters to the Business and Finance section of The Times can be sent by fax on 071-782 5112.**

### Leyland DAF receivers intimidating, not negotiating

*From Mr Clive J.G. Hitchen*

Sir, As a solicitor acting on behalf of one of Leyland DAF's many suppliers, I feel moved to write this letter in response to Graham Searjeant's article (April 7) which I feel is overly critical of the stance taken by Automotive Products.

From the beginning, my clients have tried to "negotiate" on a realistic basis with the professional advisers of the joint administrative receivers. Discussions culminated in a meeting at Leyland's HQ in Lancashire (a round trip of seven hours for me and my clients) and the effective loss of a whole day out of the office. What took place there cannot by any stretch of the imagination be termed a "negotiation". It would be more appropriate to describe it as an "intimidation".

What concerns me is Mr Searjeant describing a company attempting to protect its legitimate business interests as a member of the "awkward squad". On the same basis, he would presumably describe my clients in the same manner. They have an excellent legal case against the administrative receivers and the company (as, presumably, do Automotive Products after the recent decision).

The receivers are therefore not in a position to force us into legal submission. Is Mr Searjeant suggesting that my clients should simply accept whatever the receivers offer, and thereby take an unacceptable loss?

What is required is some old-fashioned straight talking. Such an approach may have brought a settlement along the lines currently being offered by the joint receivers' representative some time ago. My personal feeling is that the joint receivers' confrontational style has hindered proceedings, rather than speeded them up. If that attitude is reflected across all the joint receivers' dealings, the net result will be a considerable increase in costs, with a consequent depletion in money available to keep the company going.

Although I agree with Mr Searjeant that there must be a better way forward (I would commend, perhaps, the chapter 11 procedure in America) my feeling is that a change in tactics might yet save the day for Leyland DAF. It may well be that such a change will be forced upon the joint receivers in light of the judge's decision, and if that does bring forth a realistic approach, *all parties* in this sorry tale may benefit.

Yours faithfully,
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High Wycombe,
Buckinghamshire.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held on Thursday 29th April 1993 at 15.00 hours at the office of the Company, Keizersgracht 674, Amsterdam.

Shareholders wishing to attend the General Meeting of the Company must deposit their shares not less than seven days before the Meeting with Hollandse Koopmansbank N.V. Keizersgracht 674, Amsterdam or with Hill Samuel Bank Limited, 45 Beech Street, London EC2P 2LX. A deposit certificate will be issued to such shareholders which, upon surrender, will entitle them to vote at the Meeting.

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Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1992 and of the Resolutions to be put before the Meeting will be available at the offices of the above named.

By order of the Board
Hollandse Koopmansbank N.V.
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| Eurotrack 100 | 127.00 | 135.70 | -0.30 | 1.53 |
| Euro Gth | 78.99 | 84.10 | -0.14 | 1.38 |
| Far East Growth | 85.72 | 91.48 | -0.63 | 0.14 |
| Global Bond | 22.04 | 24.19 | -0.15 | 5.91 |
| Hong Kong | 69.31 | 73.99† | -0.57 | 0.61 |
| Income | 492.50 | 525.60† | +3.70 | 4.58 |
| Intl Growth | 71.88 | 76.71 | -0.49 | 0.99 |
| Japan Growth | 257.50 | 274.80 | +0.80 | ... |
| Japan Smlr Cos | 31.31 | 33.41 | +0.17 | ... |
| Japan Index | 75.09 | 80.13 | -0.21 | 0.24 |
| Nth American | 422.20 | 450.20† | -8.70 | 1.01 |
| S pore Mly Gth | 47.95 | 51.17 | -1.30 | ... |
| The Footsie Fd | 106.90 | 112.40 | -0.90 | 2.62 |
| Tiger Index | 128.30 | 136.90 | -2.70 | 0.73 |
| Triple Index | 100.90 | 107.60† | -0.30 | 2.67 |
| UK Index | 121.30 | 129.40 | +1.00 | 3.01 |

### CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Cornhill Avenue, London EC3R 7BH
071 606 0788

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| American P folio | 80.34 | 85.92 | -0.48 | 1.00 |
| European P folio | 72.06 | 76.52† | -0.29 | 1.38 |
| Japanese P folio | 81.77 | 86.50 | +0.13 | ... |
| Pacific P folio | 91.22 | 98.09 | -1.18 | 2.43 |
| Cazenove P folio | 69.11 | 73.92 | +0.22 | 3.00 |
| UK Income Gth | 81.35 | 85.86† | +0.23 | 5.00 |
| Utility & Bond | 50.73 | 51.39 | -0.03 | 7.00 |

### CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
1 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Investment Pt | 606.20 | 612.50 | ... | 4.72 |
| Fixed Int | 185.75 | 186.30 | ... | 9.28 |
| Deposit | 5.75 | ... | 5.88 | ... |

### CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
1 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Income | 593.99 | 597.49 | ... | 5.00 |
| -do-Acc | 2331.6 | 2337.6 | ... | ... |
| Deposit | 5.70 | ... | 5.82 | ... |
| Fxd Int Inc | 127.00 | 127.01 | ... | 9.13 |
| -do-Acc | 167.75 | 167.79 | ... | ... |

### CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1
071 407 5966

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| City Fin Assets | 61.53 | 64.77† | -0.40 | 2.33 |
| Beckman Intl | 80.31 | 84.74 | ... | 3.13 |
| Friars Hse Inc | 176.66 | 189.96 | -2.05 | 9.13 |
| Friars Hse Cap | 247.31 | 265.92 | +0.03 | 2.74 |

### COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon
CR9 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222
Dealing: 081 686 9818

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Japan Gth Acc | 40.31 | 42.98 | -0.01 | ... |
| Managed | 61.51 | 65.44 | +0.21 | 2.83 |
| -do-Acc | 74.28 | 79.02 | +0.24 | 2.83 |
| Smaller Cos | 32.59 | 34.67 | +0.24 | 2.19 |
| -do-Acc | 36.72 | 39.06 | +0.11 | 2.19 |
| UK General | 67.63 | 71.95 | +0.48 | 2.68 |
| -do-Acc | 81.09 | 86.27 | +0.59 | 2.68 |
| Wwide Bd | 61.54 | 65.36† | -0.51 | 6.31 |
| -do-Acc | 79.16 | 84.07 | -0.66 | 6.31 |
| Wwide Sp Sits | 55.35 | 59.20 | -0.39 | 0.16 |
| -do-Acc | 57.67 | 61.68 | -0.40 | 0.16 |
| Quilter General | 118.29 | 125.84† | +0.88 | 2.71 |
| -do-Acc | 131.63 | 139.82† | +0.98 | 2.71 |
| Quilter Income | 92.07 | 97.95† | +0.58 | 4.29 |
| -do-Acc | 113.47 | 120.71 | +0.70 | 4.29 |
| Quilter Intl | 125.09 | 133.07 | -0.68 | 0.64 |
| -do-Acc | 126.81 | 134.90 | -0.89 | 0.64 |
| Quilter UK Spec | 67.67 | 72.20 | +0.46 | 0.91 |
| -do-Acc | 89.78 | 95.51 | -0.14 | 2.10 |
| CU Prestige Fund Management | | | | |
| Deposit | 91.59 | 91.59† | +0.05 | 5.62 |
| -do-Acc | 91.59 | 91.59† | +0.05 | 5.62 |
| Fin Property | 101.55 | 108.03 | +0.06 | 7.18 |
| *Fixed Conv* | *41.20* | *43.83* | *+0.65* | *7.92* |
| -do-Acc | 107.67 | 114.54 | +1.72 | 7.92 |
| Equity Inc | 145.71 | 155.01 | +3.71 | 3.87 |
| -do-Acc | 467.74 | 497.80 | +11.95 | 3.87 |
| High Yield | 118.76 | 126.34† | +0.31 | 5.12 |
| -do-Acc | 449.05 | 477.71 | +1.18 | 5.12 |
| Preference | 46.87 | 49.86† | +0.72 | 7.80 |
| -do-Acc | 240.63 | 255.99 | +3.71 | 7.80 |
| PPT Europe | 148.58 | 158.09† | +0.13 | 0.90 |
| PPT Mthly Inc Plus | 46.98 | 49.98† | +0.03 | 8.13 |
| PPT Global Bnd | 80.75 | 85.72† | -0.67 | 5.53 |
| PPT Gold Com | 49.82 | 52.79† | -1.17 | ... |
| PPT Oriental Gth | 92.10 | 98.43† | -0.80 | 0.74 |
| PPT Far East Gth | 101.06 | 107.51† | -0.70 | 0.34 |
| PPT Japan | 119.58 | 124.96† | -1.42 | ... |
| PPT N Amer | 143.37 | 152.52† | -2.70 | 0.07 |
| PPT UK Gth | 114.20 | 121.49 | +0.76 | 2.19 |

### EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ
0242 577 555

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oriental Op Acc | 72.54 | 77.17 | -0.79 | 1.03 |
| Japanese Acc | 59.38 | 63.17 | -0.03 | ... |
| UK Balncd Inc | 134.00 | 131.80 | -0.50 | 2.55 |
| -do-Acc | 144.70 | 153.90 | -0.50 | 2.55 |
| UK Growth Acc | 203.40 | 216.40 | -0.30 | 2.23 |
| UK High Inc | 132.50† | 141.00 | -0.50 | 6.74 |
| -do-Acc | 156.50 | 166.50 | -0.60 | 6.74 |
| N America Acc | 107.90 | 114.80 | -1.00 | 0.44 |
| European Acc | 150.70 | 160.30 | -0.30 | 0.44 |
| UK Pref P/I Inc | 60.66 | 64.38 | -0.05 | 8.78 |
| -do-Acc | 97.93 | 103.90 | +0.10 | 8.78 |
| Intl Sp Sits Acc | 90.68 | 96.66 | -0.13 | 0.05 |
| Environmntl Opp | 70.78 | 75.30† | +0.39 | 1.47 |

### EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Dunedin House, 97 Haymarket Terrace,
Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| American | 107.50 | 114.20 | +1.70 | ... |
| UK Smlr Cos | 184.40 | 195.90 | +0.20 | 1.28 |
| Eurofund | 87.40 | 39.60 | +0.13 | 1.01 |
| Managed Pmpnt | 162.20 | 169.10† | +0.40 | 3.10 |
| Growth Inc | 209.40 | 222.50 | +1.90 | 4.04 |
| High Dist | 136.40 | 144.90 | +1.10 | 5.97 |
| International | 312.70 | 332.20 | -0.40 | 0.98 |
| Intl Income | 78.85 | 84.17† | -0.25 | 3.09 |
| Pacific | 84.07 | 87.45 | -0.51 | 0.52 |
| Smlr Jap Cos | 63.81 | 67.80 | +0.50 | ... |
| Tokyo | 196.40 | 208.70 | -1.40 | ... |
| Japan Exempt | 112.40 | 115.40 | +11.90 | 0.43 |
| Sm Jap Exempt | 517.30 | 531.50 | +23.80 | 0.09 |

### FORMERLY TARGET

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| American Eagle | 117.30 | 124.60 | -1.70 | 0.23 |
| Australia | 6.992 | 7.428 | -0.060 | 1.08 |
| Equity | 182.40 | 193.80 | +1.30 | 4.40 |
| Euro Spec Sits | 140.20 | 148.40 | +0.20 | 0.58 |
| Financial | 39.30 | 41.76 | +0.32 | 2.97 |
| Global Oppr Inc | 86.61 | 92.02 | +0.24 | 2.19 |
| -do-Acc | 89.77 | 95.38 | +0.26 | 2.19 |
| Gold Com Inc | 41.26 | 43.84 | -2.45 | 0.99 |
| -do-Acc | 78.72 | 83.64 | -2.45 | 0.99 |
| Income | 118.40 | 125.80 | +0.70 | 4.90 |
| Japan General | 150.70 | 160.00 | -0.10 | ... |
| Preference | 21.30 | 22.62† | +0.05 | 8.03 |
| *UK Capital* | *160.30* | *106.80†* | *+0.70* | *3.17* |
| Worldwide Cap | 192.90 | 205.00 | +0.70 | 3.14 |
| World Income | 81.67 | 86.77 | -0.09 | 3.50 |

### ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Hazlitgate Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Endurance | 169.40 | 180.20 | ... | 1.11 |

### EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW
0296 431488

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Inflexn | 102.34 | 107.62† | -0.67 | 3.44 |
| High Income | 119.17 | 125.44 | +0.72 | 4.93 |
| Tst of Inv Tsts | 140.00 | 147.37 | +1.82 | 2.18 |
| Special Sits | 82.19 | 86.52 | +0.25 | 3.01 |
| North American | 101.09 | 106.41 | -0.97 | 0.06 |
| Far Eastern | 224.30 | 236.05 | +0.90 | 1.48 |
| Intl Growth | 89.25 | 93.95† | -1.19 | 1.44 |
| European | 63.11 | 66.43 | +0.30 | 2.21 |
| Smaller Cos | 68.84 | 72.46 | +0.01 | 2.21 |

### FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RB
0273 220 787
United Charities 219.80 236.60 ... 3.44

### FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Cobbold House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge
TN11 9DZ. 0600 414181

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cash Unit Tst | 100.00 | 100.00 | ... | 5.60 |
| European Tst | 110.80 | 117.90 | -0.40 | ... |
| High Income | 94.66 | 25.95† | +0.18 | 5.80 |

### FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London
EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| European | 91.92 | 97.31 | +0.17 | 0.88 |
| Far Eastern | 130.30 | 139.40 | -1.00 | ... |
| Ocean Income | 86.67 | 92.97 | -1.44 | 2.63 |
| UK Growth | 90.97 | 97.28 | +0.60 | 1.34 |
| UK Income | 100.00 | 107.00 | +0.60 | 3.89 |
| US Smaller Cos | 230.00 | 246.00 | -4.30 | ... |

### FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Am Smlr Co | 400.60 | 428.40 | -5.80 | ... |
| -do-Acc | 409.20 | 437.60 | -5.90 | ... |
| Capital | 277.90 | 297.20 | +0.90 | 2.14 |
| Cash | 389.10 | 413.80† | +1.10 | 2.14 |
| Const Smlr Cos | 46.69 | 50.42 | -0.11 | 1.07 |
| -do-Acc | 48.51 | 52.17 | -0.11 | 1.07 |
| Convertible | 106.80 | 114.30 | -0.20 | 0.68 |
| -do-Acc | 201.50 | 214.30 | -0.30 | 0.68 |
| European | 95.91 | 102.40 | ... | 1.14 |
| -do-Acc | 98.10 | 105.80 | ... | 1.14 |
| Extra Income | 284.20 | 302.30 | +1.10 | 4.64 |
| -do-Acc | 397.90 | 423.20 | +1.80 | 4.68 |
| Financial | 102.90 | 110.50 | -0.60 | 0.73 |
| Gold | 107.60 | 115.00 | -0.60 | 0.73 |
| Health Fund Inc | 100.10 | 106.90 | +0.70 | ... |
| -do-Acc | 100.10 | 106.90 | +0.70 | ... |
| Income Tst | 175.30 | 186.40 | -0.80 | 4.05 |
| -do-Acc | 244.30 | 259.80 | -1.20 | 4.05 |
| Intl Growth | 297.00 | 317.00 | -2.50 | ... |
| -do-Acc | 334.80 | 357.10 | -2.70 | ... |
| Japan Gen | 161.30 | 172.50 | ... | ... |
| -do-Acc | 162.90 | 174.20 | ... | ... |
| Mngd P folio Inc | 87.97 | 92.59 | +0.14 | 1.05 |
| -do-Acc | 92.97 | 97.95 | +0.15 | 1.05 |
| Monthly Income | 143.90 | 153.00 | +0.60 | 4.60 |
| Recovery | 277.20 | 296.40 | -3.20 | 0.88 |
| -do-Acc | 334.60 | 347.10 | -3.80 | 0.88 |
| Gilt Gth Tst | 61.31 | 63.22 | +0.53 | 6.71 |
| -do-Acc | 79.18 | 81.65 | +0.69 | 6.71 |

### FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH
Dealing: 0722 41161
Administration: 0722 41162

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Equity Dist | 341.39 | 363.18 | -1.93 | 2.90 |
| -do-Acc | 699.29 | 733.29 | +3.89 | 2.90 |
| Euro Gth Dist | 102.70 | 108.24 | +0.60 | 0.84 |
| -do-Acc | 105.85 | 112.61 | +0.26 | 0.87 |
| Fixed Int Dist | 131.30 | 138.58† | +0.75 | 6.29 |
| -do-Acc | 220.58 | 233.32† | +1.25 | 6.29 |
| Intl Gth Dist | 73.80 | 78.51 | -0.58 | 0.84 |
| -do-Acc | 76.34 | 81.21 | -0.60 | 0.84 |
| Nth Amer Dist | 162.29 | 171.94 | -2.50 | 0.75 |
| -do-Acc | 176.00 | 186.46 | -2.71 | 0.75 |
| Pac Basin Dist | 228.50 | 243.09 | -2.62 | 0.35 |
| -do-Acc | 232.10 | 246.92 | -2.67 | 0.35 |
| Sterling Inc | 303.40 | 312.13 | -0.78 | 1.91 |
| -do-Acc | 347.12 | 369.28 | -0.21 | 1.91 |
| Stwd Inc Dist | 61.33 | 65.24 | +0.14 | 3.61 |
| -do-Acc | 73.14 | 79.94 | +0.19 | 3.61 |
| N Am Stwd Dist | 94.03 | 100.03 | -2.42 | ... |
| -do-Acc | 98.46 | 104.81 | -2.57 | ... |

### GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Am Sp Sits | 132.60 | 141.90† | ... | 4.50 |
| European | 390.00 | 413.60† | ... | 1.03 |
| Far East General | 205.90 | 220.30 | ... | 0.33 |
| Germany | 93.00 | 100.00 | ... | 0.33 |
| Global Assets In | 65.61 | 70.10 | ... | 2.31 |
| Global Assets Ac | 68.75 | 73.45 | ... | 2.27 |
| Income Inc | 111.40 | 119.20† | ... | 7.37 |
| International | 253.70 | 271.40† | ... | 1.03 |
| Intl Income | 78.03 | 82.84 | ... | 4.93 |
| Japanese | 283.50 | 300.50† | ... | ... |
| Smlr Cos Div | 44.76 | 47.88 | ... | 6.35 |
| UK Capital Inc | 153.20 | 163.90 | ... | 4.07 |
| -do-Acc | 280.10 | 280.40 | ... | 4.00 |
| UK Spec Sits | 70.17 | 75.05 | ... | 1.79 |
| US General | 110.90 | 118.10 | ... | 0.11 |
| W wide Spec Sits | 110.80 | 118.50 | ... | 0.11 |

### GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street,
London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212
Dealing: 0277 284421. Services: 0800 289 336

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| UK Growth Funds | | | | |
| British Growth | 43.12 | 46.12 | -0.48 | 1.67 |
| Cash Trust | 128.09 | 128.09† | +0.06 | 5.03 |
| Fract Inv Inc | 100.27 | 107.53† | +0.21 | 3.97 |
| -do-Acc | 255.25 | 230.03† | +0.44 | 3.97 |
| UK Smaller Cos | 94.30 | 101.13 | +0.34 | 1.48 |
| Income Funds | | | | |
| *Preference Share* | *25.20* | *27.06* | *-0.35* | *7.76* |
| High Inc | 31.01 | 33.17 | -0.11 | 5.03 |
| UK Equity Inc | 127.85 | 136.74 | +0.70 | 3.88 |
| Global Bond | 28.72 | 29.78† | -0.37 | 5.81 |
| International Funds | | | | |
| Gold Intl | 69.37 | 74.39 | -1.60 | 1.32 |
| Provider Mariners | 39.52 | 42.36† | -0.22 | 0.42 |
| Global Inc Gth | 115.54 | 123.27† | -1.19 | 2.25 |
| UK Intl | 108.41 | 115.96 | +0.81 | 0.67 |
| Overseas Funds | | | | |
| American | 124.37 | 132.65 | -1.05 | 0.53 |
| European | 79.99 | 84.80† | -0.06 | 0.71 |
| Euro Ret Opps | 81.45 | 97.30 | ... | 0.05 |
| American Emerg | 74.00 | 79.36 | -1.37 | ... |
| Hong Kong | 100.02 | 107.26† | -0.23 | 2.16 |
| Japan | 209.92 | 223.39 | +1.65 | ... |
| Pacific Growth | 137.91 | 147.89 | -1.53 | 0.47 |

### GOVETT (OMRO) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane,
London SE1 2HR. 071 375 7979
Dealing: 071 588 0526

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Intl Growth | 120.61 | 129.00 | -1.03 | 0.37 |
| American Gth | 113.43 | 121.31 | -3.51 | ... |
| European Gth | 67.31 | 71.76 | -0.85 | 0.42 |
| German Horizn | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Japan Gth | 74.77 | 79.96 | -0.86 | ... |
| Pacific Inc | 127.16 | 136.00 | -2.35 | 2.89 |
| Pacific Strategy | 105.41 | 112.74 | -1.07 | 0.25 |
| UK Prop Inc | 76.14 | 80.27 | -0.15 | 4.61 |
| Gt British Cos | 47.78 | 50.36 | +0.31 | 2.70 |
| UK Small Cos | 43.98 | 47.04 | +0.88 | 2.12 |

### GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9666

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cash | 128.70 | 130.70 | +0.10 | 5.37 |
| Gilt Fixed | 128.50 | 127.80 | +0.70 | 6.45 |
| Growth Equity | 280.00 | 299.10 | +2.60 | 2.13 |
| Guardhill | 413.60 | 441.80 | +2.80 | 2.59 |
| Income Trust | 107.70 | 115.00 | +0.60 | 3.41 |
| International | 151.80 | 162.10† | +0.80 | 0.36 |
| Japan Trust | 120.80 | 129.10 | -0.60 | ... |
| Nth American | 245.80 | 262.60 | +2.90 | 0.47 |
| Pacific | 349.30 | 373.10 | -3.20 | ... |
| European | 331.80 | 354.40 | -1.10 | 0.56 |

### HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 838848

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Global Adv Inc | 34.84 | 36.30 | ... | 1.79 |
| -do-Acc | 36.84 | 38.00 | ... | 1.79 |
| Intl Adv Inc | 29.15 | 30.90† | ... | 4.24 |
| -do-Acc | 30.50 | 32.12 | ... | 4.24 |

### HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 696390

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Canadian | 69.00 | 73.92 | -1.81 | 0.99 |
| Equity Income | 111.60 | 118.70 | +0.70 | 3.57 |
| European | 131.40 | 139.00† | +0.60 | 0.87 |
| Ind Situation | 72.95 | 77.61 | -0.30 | ... |
| Japanese | 138.90 | 147.40 | +1.30 | ... |
| North American | 94.30 | 100.00 | -2.10 | 0.06 |
| Scandinavian | 105.30 | 109.20 | -0.40 | 0.67 |
| Smaller Cos | 29.19 | 31.05 | +0.06 | 2.25 |

### HENDERSON
PO Box 5085, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XH
Enquiries: 0277 222300
Dealing: 0277 234772

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amer Smaller | 84.91 | 90.81† | -0.60 | ... |
| Asian Enterprise | 154.70 | 164.24 | -1.28 | 1.02 |
| Australian | 130.81 | 139.83† | -0.21 | 1.96 |
| European | 361.50 | 383.15 | +1.57 | 1.12 |
| European Inc | 68.46 | 72.59 | +0.03 | 1.47 |
| Euro Rnd Co | 129.43 | 138.57 | -0.06 | 1.14 |
| Extra Income | 253.87 | 270.29† | +1.84 | 5.04 |
| Family of Funds | 67.61 | 72.20 | +0.12 | 1.58 |
| Fixed Interest | 55.36 | 59.20† | -0.01 | 5.19 |
| Global Recov | 88.01 | 94.47 | -1.74 | 1.19 |
| High Inc | 278.31 | 298.57 | +1.67 | 4.76 |
| Income Gth | 232.31 | 247.40 | +1.59 | 4.11 |
| Intl Bond | 584.60 | 622.59† | +4.60 | 6.11 |
| International | 219.75 | 234.00† | +1.22 | 1.04 |
| Japan Spc Sits | 223.62 | 237.83 | -0.86 | ... |
| Japan | 193.36 | 208.51 | +1.10 | ... |
| N Amer | 213.85 | 222.61 | -2.41 | 0.17 |
| Pacific Smlr Cos | 164.41 | 178.33† | +0.09 | 0.49 |
| Prof Gilt | 46.44 | 49.46† | -0.03 | 6.48 |
| Smaller Cos Div | 158.25 | 170.30 | -0.01 | 4.85 |
| Special Sits | 246.68 | 263.04† | +0.53 | 2.21 |
| Best of British | 380.11 | 406.70† | +0.81 | 2.72 |
| Spirit of the East | 57.80 | 61.84 | -0.35 | 2.73 |
| | 96.10 | 60.02† | -0.60 | 0.51 |

### HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
N1A, Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

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| 13 | Kwik Save | Foods | |
| 14 | AB Food | Foods | |
| 15 | Powell Duffryn | Transport | |
| 16 | Weir | Industrial | |
| 17 | TSB | Banks,Disc | |
| 18 | City Of Lon | Paper,Print | |
| 19 | Vickers | Industrial | |
| 20 | Woolside | Oils, Gas | |
| 21 | Heywd Wtm | Building,Rds | |
| 22 | Scottish Power | Electricity | |
| 23 | Provident | Banks,Disc | |
| 24 | Bilton | Property | |
| 25 | BT | Electrical | |
| 26 | CRA | Mining | |
| 27 | Nat Aust Bk | Banks,Disc | |
| 28 | Wilson Bowdn | Building,Rds | |
| 29 | Intercare Gp | Industrial | |
| 30 | Mitel | Electrical | |
| 31 | BSS Group | Industrial | |
| 32 | GRE | Insurance | |
| 33 | Enterprise | Oils, Gas | |
| 34 | Berkeley Gp | Building,Rds | |
| 35 | Honeysuckle | Drapery,Stys | |
| 36 | Hydro-Elec | Electricity | |
| 37 | Northern Elec | Electricity | |
| 38 | Mayborn | Industrial | |
| 39 | Charter Cons | Industrial | |
| 40 | Barclays | Banks,Disc | |

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| 335 | 284 | Meyer Int | 330 | + 8 | 16.5 | 6.3 | 34.0 |
| 4 | 4 | Minim Gps | 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 93 | 62 | Mowlem (J) | 92 | +1 | 4.0 | 5.6 | ... |
| 78 | 65 | NSM | 63 | -1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 53 | 48 | Nestlér ♦ | 48 | ... | ... | 4.0 | ∞ |
| 140 | 106 | Newman Tnks | 132 | +1 | ... | 4.5 | ∞ |
| 280 | 197 | Pentamaran | 280 | + 6 | 8.9 | 4.3 | 25.5 |
| 26 | 22 | Phoenix Timber | 22 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1625 | 1462½ | Pochins | 1462½ | ... | 29.0 | 2.5 | 6.9 |
| 90 | 80 | Prowting | 91 † | ... | 3.4 | 4.7 | ∞ |
| 6½ | 4½ | Quilligotia ♦ | 4½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 653 | 535 | RMC Gp | 604 | - 4 | 20.0 | 4.1 | 22.5 |
| 117 | 91 | Raine Ind | 91 | - ½ | 6.0 | 8.2 | 15.2 |
| 36 | 20 | Ramsay | 22 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 459 | 402 | Redland | 439 | + 5 | ... | 7.4 | 30.0 |
| 78 | 64 | Rexhal | 72 | ... | 4.3 | 7.8 | ∞ |
| 254 | 207 | Ropley Group | 241 † | ... | 6.4 | 3.3 | ∞ |
| 40 | 25 | Rotfill-Ewe ♦ | 38 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 109 | 68 | Sharpe & Fisher | 99 | ... | 4.0 | 5.2 | ∞ |
| 172 | 116 | Sheffield Ind | 158 † | ... | 5.4 | 4.3 | ∞ |
| 93 | 82 | Sheriff Bridge ♦ | 93 | ... | ... | 2.7 | 13.9 |
| 95 | 66 | Shorco ♦ | 78½ | - 2½ | ... | 8.6 | ∞ |
| 228 | 205 | Smart (J) | 205 | ... | 8.5 | 5.2 | 9.3 |
| 6½ | 4½ | Staxmin | 5½ | ... | 0.3 | 6.8 | 6.6 |
| 138 | 103 | Tarmac | 137 | + 4 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 56.7 |
| 194 | 137 | Tay Homes | 173 † | ... | 5.8 | 4.3 | 11.1 |
| 97 | 63 | Taylor Woodrw | 97 | ... | 1.0 | 1.5 | ∞ |
| 533 | 433 | Tilbury Dougls | 490 | ... | 33.0 | 8.8 | ∞ |
| 24 | 19 | Toren Hitre ♦ | 21 | ... | ... | 2.2 | ... |
| 192 | 148 | Travis Perkins | 188 | ... | 8.0 | 5.3 | 26.6 |
| 34 | 30 | Ty Group | 33 | ... | 1.0 | 3.8 | 9.2 |
| 28 | 26 | Tudor ♦ | 26 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 69 | 41 | Vibroplant | 48 | ... | 3.6 | 9.4 | 8.8 |
| 41 | 28 | Weld Bldgs | 38 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 36 | 25 | Westcrete | 31 | - 2 | ... | ... | ... |
| 476 | 360 | Wates Build | 445 | ... | 10.7 | 3.1 | ∞ |
| 14 | 8 | Wescol ♦ | 13 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 128 | 90 | Westbury | 125 | + 5 | ... | 4.9 | ... |
| 12 | 6½ | West Scaffold ♦ | 9 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 12 | 5 | Wiggins | 9½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 401 | 291 | Wilson Bowdn | 401 | + 7 | 8.7 | 2.8 | 22.1 |
| 178 | 147 | Wilson (C) | 176 | + 4 | 3.9 | 2.9 | ∞ |
| 92 | 62 | Wimpey G | 152 † | + 3 | 5.2 | 4.3 | ∞ |
| 61 | 25 | YRM | 41 | ... | 4.0 | ... | 4.7 |

## BUSINESS SERVICES

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 675 | 463 | ADT | 580 | -10 | ... | ... | ... |
| 228 | 198 | Adam & Harvey | 213 | ... | 11.0 | 6.5 | 5.3 |
| 88 | 59 | Air Call Comm ♦ | 80 | ... | ... | 5.5 | 9.9 |
| 78 | 57 | African Inland | 57 | ... | 2.0 | 5.6 | ... |
| 175 | 125 | Aust Sec | 156 | + 2 | 5.3 | 4.3 | ∞ |
| 108 | 84 | BET Ord | 87 | ... | ... | 9.3 | 12.7 |
| 75 | 43 | BNB Res | 74 † | + 1 | 4.9 | 8.3 | ∞ |
| 318 | 258 | BPP | 281 † | - 3 | 8.0 | 3.6 | ∞ |
| 285 | 230 | Barbour Index | 250 | ... | 7.2 | 3.6 | 18.6 |
| 30 | 15 | Bourne ♦ | 17 | ... | 0.7 | 5.3 | ∞ |
| 236 | 184 | Brit Data Mgt | 208 | ... | ... | 2.4 | 17.3 |
| 14 | 11 | Broadcastline | 14 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 68 | 58 | Brooks Service | 58 | ... | 4.0 | ... | 17.5 |
| 104 | 86 | CICF Gp | 90 | ... | 2.4 | 3.3 | 10.3 |
| 486 | 419 | Capita Group | 464 | + 5 | 6.4 | 1.4 | ∞ |
| 40 | 31 | Chalet Plc | 38 | ... | 0.5 | 1.6 | 14.5 |
| 55 | 40 | Chiltern Capital | 51 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 36 | 26 | Chrisdale | 28 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 295 | 228 | Chubb Sec | 271 | + 6 | ... | 1.3 | 20.9 |
| 33 | 18 | Comsca | 31 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 8½ | 6½ | Corp Services | 14½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 80 | 50 | Dart | 80 | ... | 3.3 | 5.2 | 9.1 |
| 231 | 188 | Davis Service | 220 | - 1 | ... | 4.3 | ∞ |
| 104 | 85 | DW Facs ♦ | 97 † | ... | 4.3 | 5.6 | ∞ |
| 16½ | 11 | Gardiner | 15 † | ... | 0.6 | 5.5 | ∞ |
| 36 | 20 | Gaviner (DC) | 36 | + 1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 246 | 226 | Hays | 231 | + 2 | 4.6 | 2.6 | 22.6 |
| 220 | 175 | Hogg Robinson | 178 | + 2 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 13.4 |
| 70 | 56 | Holmes Protecto | 58 | ... | ... | ... | 3.1 |
| 162 | 122 | Hunch Whamp | 145 | + 1 | ... | ... | ∞ |
| 6120½ | 9650 | ISS S DK† | 6117½ | ... | ... | ... | 16.6 |
| 657 | 532 | Inchcape | 601 | + 5 | ... | 2.9 | 20.1 |
| 269 | 169 | Johnson Clean | 230 † | ... | ... | 25.7 | 3.9 | ∞ |
| 12 | 2½ | Legi | 9½ | - | ... | ... | ... |
| 244 | 173 | Mitie Gp | 214 | ... | 2.7 | 1.6 | 17.6 |
| 1287 | 893 | Manpower | 994 | -32 | ... | ... | ... |
| 44½ | 41 | Michael Page | 42 | ... | 1.8 | 5.5 | ∞ |
| 229 | 217 | Penna ♦ | 223 | ... | ... | 0.9 | 60.2 |
| 4½ | 2 | Prime Peoples | 2½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 120 | 85 | Proudfoot Ass | 118 | ... | 19.5 | 22.8 | 2.5 |
| 423 | 365 | RCO | 390 | - 5 | 12.8 | 4.4 | 13.4 |
| 118 | 113 | RHA | 113 | ... | 4.0 | 4.4 | ... |
| 69 | 43 | Reed Executive | 55 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 156 | 115 | Reliance Secs | 116 | + 1 | ... | 4.8 | 11.7 |
| 238 | 206 | Rentokil | 222 † | + 6 | 2.3 | 1.3 | ∞ |
| 278 | 240 | Ruffe & Nalan | 277 | ... | 6.2 | 2.8 | 18.6 |
| 369 | 343 | Salvesen (C) | 360 | + 3 | 7.0 | 2.4 | 10.9 |
| 35 | 29 | Scott Pickford ♦ | 30 | ... | ... | 3.5 | 8.3 |
| 206 | 164 | Securicor ♦ | 176 | ... | 8.4 | 6.7 | 9.3 |
| 8 | 5 | Select Appo ♦ | 6 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 953 | 665 | Serco Gp | 953 | ... | 14.0 | 1.8 | ∞ |
| 332 | 252 | Sherwd Comps | 314 | + 3 | ... | 2.8 | ∞ |
| 130 | 96 | Shandelay | 97 | ... | 3.0 | 3.9 | 11.8 |
| 355 | 327 | Wagon Howard | 335 † | ... | ... | 2.3 | 18.9 |
| 45 | 29 | Welpac | 29 | - 1 | 0.6 | 2.6 | ... |
| 24½ | 14 | Willy Gp | 24 | + 1 | ... | 0.5 | 33.5 |

## BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 403 | 345 | Abbey Nt | 378 | + 9 | 11.5 | 3.8 | 14.6 |
| 250 | 179 | Allied Irish | 250 | + 4 | ... | 4.5 | ∞ |
| 176 | 130 | Anz New Z | 176 | + ½ | ... | 6.2 | ... |
| 3806½ | 2831½ | Bankamerica | 3559½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 248 | 188 | Bk of Ireland | 246 | + 3 | ... | 4.8 | 39.4 |
| 175 | 135 | Bk Lourd Latin | 165 | ... | 17.0 | 10.5 | ∞ |
| 140 | 116½ | Bank Scotland | 123 | + 2 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 19.4 |
| 464 | 362 | Barclays | 410 | + 4 | 15.1 | 4.6 | ∞ |
| 3½ | 2 | Benchmark | 2½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 52 | 31 | Brown, Shipley | 35 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 19½ | 15½ | Carlisle | 17 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 480 | 365 | Cater Allen | 480 | + 5 | 20.0 | 6.8 | ... |
| 115 | 85 | Castles | 113 † | ... | ... | 4.6 | ∞ |
| 2450 | 1787½ | Chase Manh | 2362½ | +37½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 2043½ | 1343½ | Citicorp | 1943½ | +18½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 345 | 250 | Close Bros | 340 | ... | ... | 3.5 | 15.1 |
| 4125½ | 3275 | Commerzbk | 4123½ | ... | ... | 3.2 | ... |
| 3304½ | 2250½ | Deutsche Bk | 3287 | +69½ | ... | 2.2 | ... |
| 81 | 45 | First Nat Fin | 60 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1227 | 976 | Fuji Bank Y | 1208 | ... | ... | 0.6 | 68.1 |
| 439 | 343 | Gerrard Nat | 439 | + 4 | 21.0 | 5.0 | ∞ |
| 654 | 490 | HSBC | 623 † | +13 | 19.0 | 3.8 | ∞ |
| 634 | 474 | HSBC Hld | 598½ | +13½ | 19.0 | 4.0 | ∞ |
| 356 | 243 | Hambros | 331 | + 7 | 13.8 | 5.2 | 14.7 |
| 363 | 313 | Joseph (L) | 358 | ... | 15.8 | 5.5 | ... |
| 126 | 96 | King Shaxson | 126 | ... | 3.0 | 5.0 | ... |
| 395 | 312 | Kleinwort Ben | 380 | + 2 | 16.0 | 5.3 | 13.2 |
| 573 | 492 | Lloyds | 545 | +11 | 18.4 | 4.2 | 15.6 |
| 86 | 63 | Lon Scot Bk | 86 | + 1 | 3.0 | 4.4 | 17.0 |
| 452 | 382 | Nat Aust Bk | 415 | + 2 | ... | 5.3 | 13.5 |
| 685 | 598 | Nat West | 654½ | +15½ | 17.5 | 4.8 | 27.6 |
| 830 | 674 | Provident | 828 | + 8 | 28.5 | 4.3 | 14.3 |
| 47 | 39 | Rea Bros | 43 † | ... | 0.5 | 1.5 | 45.7 |
| 274 | 207 | Ryl Bk Scot | 258 | - 1 | 8.8 | 4.3 | ... |
| 1975 | 1335 | Schroders | 1785 † | ... | 8 | 22.0 | 1.5 | ... |
| 731 | 576 | Stand Chart | 709 | +11 | ... | ... | 3.5 | ... |
| 1837 | 1457 | TSB | 178 | + 5 | 6.4 | 4.5 | ... |
| 119 | 78 | Union Disc | 104 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 656 | 520 | Warburg SG | 656 | + 9 | 18.0 | 3.4 | 19.5 |
| 219 | 185 | do- pfd 'A' | 219 | - 1 | ... | 3.4 | ... |
| 7625 | 4913½ | Wells Fargo | 7387½ | +293½ | ... | 1.4 | ... |
| 159 | 121 | Westpac | 143 | + 2 | ... | 5.7 | ... |
| 215 | 188 | Wintrust | 205 | ... | 9.3 | 5.7 | 7.9 |

## BREWERIES

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 640 | 550 | Allied-Lyons | 562 | -10 | 20.0 | 4.4 | 13.0 |
| 647 | 533 | Bass | 563 | +16 | 18.9 | 4.2 | 12.3 |
| 258 | 189 | Boddington | 244 | ... | 7.3 | 3.7 | 14.2 |
| 1962 | 1652 | Bulmer (H) | 1906 | ... | 60.0 | 2.8 | 18.7 |
| 159 | 129 | Burmond Bw | 133 | ... | 4.4 | 4.2 | 9.7 |
| 307 | 261 | Devenish (A) | 301 | + 3 | 7.8 | 3.3 | 17.0 |
| 98 | 75 | Eldridge P 'A' ♦ | 90 | ... | ... | 4.5 | 23.8 |
| 58 | 54½ | Fosters Brewing | 58 | ... | ... | 5.1 | 7.4 |
| 360 | 338 | Fuller Sm 'A' ♦ | 360 | ... | ... | 2.3 | 15.1 |
| 480 | 417 | Grand Met | 478 | + 5 | 19.3 | 3.6 | 14.1 |
| 625 | 562 | Greenall Gp | 595 | ... | 23.0 | 3.7 | 13.1 |
| 559 | 462 | Greene King | 559 | ... | 11.6 | 2.6 | 14.5 |
| 516 | 440 | Guinness | 482 | +15 | ... | 3.1 | 16.9 |
| 230 | 180 | Hardy Hansn | 228 | ... | ... | 3.9 | 12.3 |
| 113 | 108 | Hewthwaite ♦ | 108 | ... | ... | 3.0 | 4.9 |
| 78 | 58 | Inv Cpl 'A' LV ♦ | 78 | ... | ... | 3.0 | 18.7 |
| 255 | 215 | Highland Disl | 251 | + 2 | 6.0 | 2.7 | 18.6 |
| 3125 | 2538 | Holt J | 3000 | ... | 35.0 | 1.5 | 20.9 |
| 55 | 33 | Hoskins Brew | 53 | + 6 | ... | ... | 38.2 |
| 323 | 250 | Invrgordn Dist | 280 † | ... | ... | 3.4 | ∞ |
| 186 | 156 | Macallan-Glen | 166 | - 2 | 9.9 | 0.7 | 37.1 |
| 485 | 375 | Macdn Marin 'A' | 375 | -15 | 8.8 | 2.9 | 21.8 |
| 730 | 655 | Mansfield | 729 | ... | 13.6 | 2.3 | 15.7 |
| 260 | 231 | Marston Thmp | 248 | - 1 | 4.9 | 2.5 | 14.5 |
| 438 | 412 | Matthew Clark | 422 | ... | 15.7 | 4.7 | 12.7 |
| 230 | 195 | Maryfield W | 203 | ... | ... | 3.0 | 19.0 |
| 490 | 455 | Morland | 455 | ... | ... | 8.4 | 21.3 |
| 12 | 6½ | Paramount Ld | 10 | ... | ... | 3.1 | ∞ |
| 950 | 768 | SA Breweries | 863 | ... | 26.1 | 4.3 | 12.6 |
| 482½ | 408 | Scot & Nwc | 464 | + 7 | 16.1 | 3.1 | 17.2 |
| 198 | 181 | Taunton Cider | 190 | ... | ... | 5.0 | 17.2 |
| 242 | 213 | Vaux Group | 235 | ... | 9.3 | 3.9 | 20.8 |
| 368 | 295 | Wethrspoon PD | 358 † | ... | ... | 4.6 | 13.1 |
| 497½ | 435 | Whitbread 'A' | 475 | ... | 16.9 | 3.4 | 24.8 |
| 1180 | 890 | do- 'B' | 875 | ... | 16.9 | 2.5 | 16.2 |
| 613 | 561 | Wolverhmptn D | 576 | - 1 | 11.4 | 2.5 | 16.2 |
| 515 | 480 | Young 'A' | 480 | ... | 14.5 | 3.8 | 21.0 |

## BUILDING, ROADS

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 115 | 73 | Abbey | 115 | ... | ... | 1.2 | 41.5 |
| 21 | 13 | Albrightsons ♦ | 18 | ... | ... | 7.0 | 10.8 |
| 108 | 87 | Allens | 89 | + 1 | 3.0 | 4.5 | ∞ |
| 9½ | 5½ | Anglia Sec | 7½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 186 | 155 | Ashtead ♦ | 177 | + 2 | 4.1 | 2.9 | 21.9 |
| 182 | 110 | Attwoods | 112 | + 2 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 16.0 |
| 258 | 190 | BPB Ind | 250 | + 4 | ... | 4.5 | 53.4 |
| 248 | 188 | Bk of Ireland | 246 | + 3 | ... | 5.1 | 25.9 |
| 175 | 135 | Bk Lourd Latin | 165 | ... | 17.0 | 10.5 | ∞ |
| 140 | 116½ | Bank Scotland | 123 | + 2 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 19.4 |
| 464 | 362 | Barclays | 410 | + 4 | 15.1 | 4.6 | ∞ |
| 3½ | 2 | Benchmark | 2½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 52 | 31 | Brown, Shipley | 35 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 19½ | 15½ | Carlisle | 17 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 480 | 365 | Cater Allen | 480 | + 5 | 20.0 | 6.8 | ... |
| 115 | 85 | Castles | 113 † | ... | ... | 4.6 | ∞ |
| 2450 | 1787½ | Chase Manh | 2362½ | +37½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 2043½ | 1343½ | Citicorp | 1943½ | +18½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 345 | 250 | Close Bros | 340 | ... | ... | 3.5 | 15.1 |
| 4125½ | 3275 | Commerzbk | 4123½ | ... | ... | 3.2 | ... |
| 3304½ | 2250½ | Deutsche Bk | 3287 | +69½ | ... | 2.2 | ... |
| 81 | 45 | First Nat Fin | 60 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1227 | 976 | Fuji Bank Y | 1208 | ... | ... | 0.6 | 68.1 |
| 439 | 343 | Gerrard Nat | 439 | + 4 | 21.0 | 5.0 | ∞ |
| 654 | 490 | HSBC | 623 † | +13 | 19.0 | 3.8 | ∞ |
| 634 | 474 | HSBC Hld | 598½ | +13½ | 19.0 | 4.0 | ∞ |
| 356 | 243 | Hambros | 331 | + 7 | 13.8 | 5.2 | 14.7 |
| 363 | 313 | Joseph (L) | 358 | ... | 15.8 | 5.5 | ... |
| 126 | 96 | King Shaxson | 126 | ... | 3.0 | 5.0 | ... |
| 395 | 312 | Kleinwort Ben | 380 | + 2 | 16.0 | 5.3 | 13.2 |
| 573 | 492 | Lloyds | 545 | +11 | 18.4 | 4.2 | 15.6 |
| 86 | 63 | Lon Scot Bk | 86 | + 1 | 3.0 | 4.4 | 17.0 |
| 452 | 382 | Nat Aust Bk | 415 | + 2 | ... | 5.3 | 13.5 |
| 685 | 598 | Nat West | 654½ | +13½ | 17.5 | 4.8 | 27.6 |
| 830 | 674 | Provident | 828 | + 8 | 28.5 | 4.3 | 14.3 |
| 47 | 39 | Rea Bros | 43 † | ... | 0.5 | 1.5 | 45.7 |
| 274 | 207 | Ryl Bk Scot | 258 | - 1 | 8.8 | 4.3 | ... |
| 1975 | 1335 | Schroders | 1785 † | ... | 8 | 22.0 | 1.5 | ... |
| 731 | 576 | Stand Chart | 709 | +11 | ... | ... | 3.5 | ... |
| 1837 | 1457 | TSB | 178 | + 5 | 6.4 | 4.5 | ... |
| 119 | 78 | Union Disc | 104 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 656 | 520 | Warburg SG | 656 | + 9 | 18.0 | 3.4 | 19.5 |
| 219 | 185 | do- pfd 'A' | 219 | - 1 | ... | 3.4 | ... |
| 7625 | 4913½ | Wells Fargo | 7387½ | +293½ | ... | 1.4 | ... |
| 159 | 121 | Westpac | 143 | + 2 | ... | 5.7 | ... |
| 215 | 188 | Wintrust | 205 | ... | 9.3 | 5.7 | 7.9 |

## DRAPERY, STORES

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 108 | 61 | Alexon | 82 | + 4 | 3.0 | 4.6 | ... |
| 70 | 43 | Amber Day | 57 | + 2 | 3.1 | 6.5 | 10.2 |
| 310 | 253 | Argos Plc | 311 | + 4 | ... | 3.8 | 16.0 |
| 98 | 69 | Ashley (Laura) | 84 | ... | 0.1 | 0.1 | ... |
| 205 | 183 | Aspreys ♦ | 200 | ... | ... | 2.1 | 23.5 |
| 208 | 188 | Austin Reed | 188 | ... | 6.0 | ... | 54.7 |
| 153 | 125 | Beattie (J) 'A' | 141 | ... | 5.7 | 5.1 | 13.5 |
| 121 | 97 | Bemalls | 120 | ... | 3.8 | 4.0 | 69.7 |
| 273 | 208 | Bestwood | 244 | -12 | ... | 0.6 | 33.6 |
| 31 | 22 | Blacks Leis | 22 | ... | ... | ... | 4.5 |
| 227 | 133 | Body Shop | 222 | + 3 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 29.7 |
| 159 | 112 | Brown & Jackson | 144 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 401 | 318 | Brown (N) | 365 | ... | 6.0 | 2.1 | 22.6 |
| 84 | 64½ | Burton | 81 | + ½ | ... | 3.1 | ... |
| 146 | 126 | Cannons | 144 | ... | ... | 2.3 | 19.1 |
| 323 | 286 | Church | 323 † | + 3 | 12.5 | 4.8 | ∞ |
| 157 | 97 | Clinton Cards | 152 | - 4 | 4.2 | 3.6 | ∞ |
| 245 | 212 | Coast Vyella | 227 † | - ½ | ... | 3.8 | 26.0 |
| 106 | 78 | Colorovision ♦ | 89 | ... | ... | ... | 14.9 |
| 469 | 374 | Coura Permian | 468 | ... | 9.0 | 1.9 | 23.5 |
| 155 | 113 | Crown Eyes ♦ | 135 | ... | ... | 3.6 | 6.4 |
| 106 | 89 | Daisy Farm Ind | 94 † | - 2 | ... | 3.9 | ∞ |
| 65 | 51½ | Dewhirst (H) | 63 | ... | 2.0 | 2.0 | ... |
| 281 | 203 | Dimmo Grp | 205 | - 4 | 6.0 | 3.7 | 24.1 |
| 391 | 329 | Dunhill | 366 | + 7 | 7.7 | 2.6 | 12.7 |
| 21 | 15 | EDA Gp | 15 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 530 | 400 | Elys (Wimbldon) | 407 | ... | 16.0 | 5.0 | 8.9 |
| 115 | 71 | Essex Farm | 106 † | + 5 | ... | 3.3 | 17.6 |
| 226 | 203 | Etam | 207 | ... | 6.6 | 4.0 | 18.5 |
| 982 | 699 | Fine Art Dev | 954 | ... | 11.0 | 1.2 | 21.1 |
| 50 | 26 | Freed Barth Thps | 38 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 500 | 498 | Formfitter | 498 | ... | 12.5 | 2.5 | 10.4 |
| 51 | 26 | French Conn ♦ | 51 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 47 | 21 | Gabbitas ♦ | 42 | - 2 | 2.0 | ... | 8.4 |
| 65 | 43 | Gent (S) | 63 | ... | 2.0 | 3.1 | 14.4 |
| 41 | 23 | Goldsmiths Gp | 37 | ... | 1.3 | 4.2 | 9.7 |
| 2650 | 2400 | GUS | 2646 | ... | 60.0 | 1.9 | 21.1 |
| 1728 | 1563 | do- 'A' | 1636 | -15 | 60.0 | 3.1 | 13.0 |
| 40 | 34 | Hampden Grps ♦ | 38 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 227 | 125 | Harrisons | 132 | ... | 4.6 | 3.5 | 8.1 |
| 75½ | 20 | Helene Pic | 21 | ... | 2.0 | 12.8 | ∞ |
| 42 | 29 | Heritage ♦ | 39 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 60 | 35 | Honeysuckle ♦ | 60 | ... | ... | 2.1 | 8.5 |
| 189 | 128 | Ilse of Man ♦ | 183 | ... | 10.3 | 7.0 | ... |
| 63 | 38 | Jacques Vert | 63 | ... | 2.0 | ... | 2.0 |
| 595 | 498 | Kingfisher | 590 | ... | 30.0 | ... | 16.7 |
| 74 | 62½ | Leslie Wse Gp | 70 | ... | 4.0 | 7.1 | 14.4 |
| 685 | 495 | Liberty | 680 | ... | 10.0 | 1.5 | 20.9 |
| 3165 | 2869 | Lloyds Chem | 2869 | ... | 53.5 | 2.4 | 11.2 |
| 152 | 120 | MFI | 131 | + 4 | ... | 3.6 | 17.5 |
| 360 | 311 | Marks Spencer | 348 | + 1 | 10.0 | 2.6 | 21.2 |
| 490 | 445 | Menzies (John) | 481 | + 1 | 12.0 | 2.6 | 16.0 |
| 152 | 138 | Mosaic Bstd | 151 | ... | 4.1 | 2.6 | 20.3 |
| 174 | 139 | Next | 167½ | ... | 2.5 | 1.9 | ∞ |
| 23 | 15 | Oliver (G) | 22 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 208 | 208 | Ortifiane Ind | 208 | ... | ... | 5.7 | 13.6 |
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| 225 | 205 | Ptr Hldgs | 223 | ... | 5.1 | 2.3 | ... |
| 59 | 51 | Raners Group | 57 | ... | 2.4 | 17.6 | ... |
| 35 | 20½ | Rhino Grps ♦ | 20½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 162 | 127 | Sherwood Gp | 154 † | ... | 2.6 | 2.1 | ∞ |
| 106 | 93 | Sears | 105 | + 2 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 28.8 |
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| 14½ | 4½ | Specialeyes ♦ | 6½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 219 | 176 | Stenhouse | 196 | + 1 | 5.0 | 3.2 | ... |
| 191 | 158 | T & S Stores | 164 | + 1 | 5.9 | 4.6 | ... |
| 119 | 71 | The Rack | 116 | + 3 | 8.5 | 8.5 | ... |
| 213 | 160 | Time Products | 194 | ... | 7.5 | 4.8 | 19.0 |
| 103 | 65 | Usher (Frankie) ♦ | 96 | + 1 | ... | 6.5 | 7.6 |
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| 162½ | 98 | Acorn Comps ♦ | 108 | + 2 | ... | ... | 53.2 |
| 480 | 395 | Admiral | 440 † | ... | 5.4 | 1.5 | 18.6 |
| 131 | 104 | Alba | 130 | ... | 4.7 | 4.6 | 17.1 |
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| 30½ | 22 | Amstrad | 24 | ... | 0.4 | ... | ... |
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| 17 | 13 | Arlen | 13 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 57 | 39½ | Asec | 51 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 290 | 250 | Beales Hunter | 266 | ... | 9.2 | 4.5 | 14.0 |
| 9 | 5 | Bennett & Fount | 5½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 381 | 310 | BICC | 345 | + 2 | 10.2 | 7.3 | 23.5 |
| 575 | 455 | Bilck | 475 † | + 9 | 9.2 | 2.4 | 18.7 |
| 1650 | 1150 | Borland ♦ | 1320 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 302 | 274 | Bowthorpe | 298 † | + 1 | 8.3 | 2.7 | ∞ |
| 445½ | 378 | BT | 431 | + 3 | 14.4 | 4.2 | 16.1 |
| 9 | 9½ | Bulgin (AF) 'A' | 7½ | ... | 0.1 | 1.6 | ... |
| 151 | 110 | Burnfield | 139 | ... | 5.7 | 5.2 | 22.0 |
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| 291 | 229 | CMS Micro ♦ | 280 | ... | ... | 2.4 | 16.5 |
| 98 | 74 | Comptr People | 95 | ... | 0.6 | 0.9 | ... |
| 151 | 108½ | Cray Elect | 133 | ... | ... | 0.5 | 10.8 |
| 326 | 263 | Crichley | 309 | - 1 | ... | 2.5 | 21.9 |
| 466 | 414 | Delta | 466 † | + 4 | 14.0 | 3.0 | ∞ |
| 298 | 205 | Desmans Elec | 270 | ... | ... | 3.7 | ... |
| 620 | 460 | Domino | 610 | -13 | 7.2 | 1.8 | 17.4 |
| 65 | 48 | Downing Mills | 54 | ... | ... | 2.5 | 5.9 |
| 995 | 865 | Druck ♦ | 995 | ... | ... | 4.3 | 17.5 |
| 411 | 358 | Electrocomponts | 393 | - 1 | 7.0 | 2.2 | 21.3 |
| 573 | 470 | EI Data Pic | 555 | ... | ... | 3.1 | 15.2 |
| 75 | 43 | Electron House | 70 | ... | ... | 2.3 | 42.2 |
| 205 | 165 | Ernest | 189 | ... | ... | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| 553 | 442 | Euromarm | 538 | ... | 9.0 | 1.8 | 26.4 |
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| 391 | 340 | Farnell Elect | 378 | - 2 | 5.8 | 1.9 | 20.6 |
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| 39 | 38 | Hilsdown ♦ | 38 | ... | ... | 1.6 | 12.7 |
| 468 | 451 | Hunleyns Gp | 465 | ... | ... | 2.4 | 0.6 | 59.9 |
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# All according to schedule

**You can win a franchise bid, then lose the ratings game, but Andrew Davidson finds the victors on target**



Taking the plunge: Carlton's few innovations like *The Good Sex Guide* did boost its ratings

Bruce Gyngell was blunt. When he lost his ITV franchise, he predicted the victor would be bankrupt by 1994. Other ITV losers were just as sore: Thames muttered darkly about the quality of Carlton's application, TVS derided Meridian's promises, and TSW took the regulators to judicial review. All forecast a shaky start for the new ITV companies in 1993.

Remarkably, it hasn't happened. This week's first quarter ratings show that the slide in audience figures that habitually accompanies franchise change-overs has not materialised on the main network. Only GMTV has been hard hit, hoist on its own F (for foul-up) factor. Elsewhere the new franchise holders have bedded down quickly. Blink, and you might not have noticed anything had changed. Look beneath the surface and you might just detect the tremor of little legs paddling furiously.

All the new franchise holders admit revenue is probably running behind their original licence application projections (although Nigel Walmsley, Carlton's chief executive says their forecasts were so conservative that the worsening of the recession since 1991 has had little effect on his planning). The Independent Television Commission used a growth rate for the economy of 4 per cent when they judged the licence applications, which now looks rather optimistic for 1993 and 1994.

"Anyone who got their 1993 revenue right in their 1991 application is an absolute genius," says Meridian's disbelieving chief executive, Roger Laughton. Network advertising revenue is starting to grow, however, after its long downward slide, looking around 5 per cent up on last year, according to one boss.

All look in better shape than the legislation itself, which few believe will stay in one piece for long. Axes are being ground up and down the network, and the new incumbents are no exception. Laughton reiterates the demands of his chairman, Lord Hollick, who told the House of Lords a fortnight ago that he wanted to see an extension of the moratorium on foreign takeovers of ITV companies, set to end in 1994, until 1997. On the same date he also wanted restrictions on internal ITV mergers and takeovers lifted, and a possible review of cash bids.

However, Carlton's Walmsley, no doubt reflecting the views of his chairman, Michael Green, is strongly against any extension of the moratorium. "Let it come to an end next year and at the same time let's lift the restrictions limiting merger and takeover within ITV."

Some companies are keener to get on with the free-for-all than others. Sitting in the middle watching the big boys fight it out are, of course, the minnows like Westcountry. "Let's just say there are obviously different agendas within ITV," says Westcountry's chief executive Stephen Redfarn, wryly.

All agree they want more "flexibility" over their highly detailed licence promises. Such was the depth of detail demanded by the 1990 legislation, all the franchise holders are committed to broadcasting exact amounts of specific types of programming. These were given as weekly sums, averaged over the year, which could lead to some frantic schedule shuffling in November and December as companies realise they are behind on their quotas.

Some hope the ITC won't be too rigid. "A schedule is a living, breathing thing," says Laughton. "You can't say to the editor of *The Times* 'You've got to have this proportion of sport, news and features in three years' time', it doesn't make sense. What is important is to make sure you are meeting your overall remit, not a religious observance of each promise made."

Any other lessons learnt from three months on the air? "Yes," says Walmsley. "It's not just the allegiance viewers have to a particular show but also the allegiance they have to its specific place in the schedule."

Admit it, Carlton tried to move *Prisoner Cell Block H*. Yes, says Walmsley, and after being on the receiving end of some blunt criticism from *Cell Block's* "vociferous fan club", it won't happen again.

● *Andrew Davidson's* Under The Hammer — Greed and Glory Inside The Television Business *is available in Mandarin paperback, price £5.99, from this month.*

### CARLTON

*FIRST quarter revenue up on* Thames's last year, ratings "quite encouraging" according to chief executive Nigel Walmsley. Critical reception of programming warm-to-mixed, but has cleverly blended innovation with old favourites: *The Good Sex Guide* raised eyebrows yet proved a shrewd ratings grabber; likewise the reappearance of *Dave Allen. Comedy Playhouse* (eight sitcom pilots, now set to spin off at least two series) looked weak at times and drama a bit lightweight. Industry insiders are waiting for BBC exile Jonathan Powell to get his feet under the desk. *London Tonight*, the American-style Alastair Stewart/Fiona Foster news show, is now taking upwards of 30 per cent of the evening audience, according to Walmsley, and will grow further as it "establishes its constituency". The shadow of previous incumbent Thames still looms: though out of ITV, it is producing shows. During one week this year it had six in the ITV top 20.

### MERIDIAN

RATINGS and revenue "in line with targets", says chief executive Roger Laughton. Only new franchise holder to actually increase audience for its local news slots. The shift to three news areas caused some aggravation but audiences increased. New arts show *The Pier* is "winning" its 10.40pm Thursday timeslot, according to Laughton. Responsive attitude: complaints from Portsmouth football fans about the lack of coverage brought more local soccer.



Roger Laughton: good news locally

### WESTCOUNTRY

LAUNCH was rushed, and a transmitter went down after just eight minutes on air. Now, "ratings OK, revenue ahead of expectations", according to chief executive Stephen Redfarn. The station, hamstrung by previous incumbent TSW's long-running judicial review, was late in setting up and has had technical hitches. Then its modern-style local news coverage provoked complaint, but the approach has been adjusted and now beats the BBC, says Redfarn.

### GMTV



Chris Stoddart: overtaking TV-am

AUDIENCE and revenue back on course, says chief executive Chris Stoddart, with new presenters and beefed-up topicality. Original ratings were 30 per cent down year on year, but are now beating TV-am's last quarter figures, taking over 40 per cent of the breakfast audience and hoping to climb (TV-am's peak was 70 per cent). The ITC has already had a word about some of the programming promised not being "as prominent" as it would like.

# Children's TV opts for realism

**The lives of youngsters in care are the setting for a gritty new serial**

ITV has responded to criticism from the Broadcasting Standards Council about the declining quality of children's television by scheduling a hard-hitting Wednesday-afternoon drama, *The Lodge*.

Set in a children's home in Nottingham, the ten-part series is based on real case histories and portrays the daily lives of a group of young people in care. ITV expects the show to attract an audience of a size to rival that of *Grange Hill*. Phil Redmond's critically acclaimed schoolroom drama, now in its 15th year.

The plight of abandoned youngsters may seem an unlikely subject for children's entertainment, but *The Lodge* already has a dedicated army of fans because of the charms of Martino Lazzeri, who plays 15-year-old Lawrence and who was well on the way to becoming the latest teen magazine idol even before the first episode was screened last week.



Charm: Martino Lazzeri

With lively plots and sharp dialogue, the series confronts issues that many parents monitoring their children's viewing will find controversial — even disturbing.

After recent children's home scandals, the programme's creators were hardly short of inspiration. Stories cover parental violence, teenage crushes, racism, sexuality and fostering.

Sandra Hastie, who produced the programme for Central Independent Television, says: "This is a programme for thinking young people. But my guess is that many parents will also watch it."

The series is the brainchild of Nick Fisher — who writes a regular "agony uncle" column for boys in *Just Seventeen*, a teen magazine — and is based on hundreds of letters he has had from some of the 79,500 youngsters in care in the UK. Victor Gialanella, an American whose writing credits include work on *General Hospital*, an American soap opera, has written the script in co-operation with Jay Edwins, a qualified social worker.

In one episode, Zoe, a 13-year-old orphan, develops a crush on one of the home's social workers and persuades a boy in the home to give her a love bite to make him jealous. Another episode explains what a wet dream is.

Lewis Rudd, Central's executive producer, says that shows such as *The Lodge* prove that children's programming is not suffering from the squeeze on quality that was predicted under the new franchise arrangements for independent television. "We are still commissioning the kind of programmes that help children to deal with their problems within a context of adventure and fun," he says.

A recent Broadcasting Standards Council report says that children face a diet of animation and entertainment formats as a "creeping erosion" threatens the quality of programmes made for young people.

Mr Rudd hopes that *The Lodge* will become a regular fixture on ITV's new-look afternoon format.

By replacing presenters with a series of fast-moving graphics tailor-made for different age groups, the network aims to encourage young viewers to become more discriminating by stopping them "zapping" from one channel to the next and by making them feel more involved with what they see. He also hopes that *The Lodge* will help ITV to retain the lion's share of the three to 15-year-old audience.

ALEXANDRA FREAN


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# MTV strikes gold with pop around the clock

**Teenagers tune in by the million to a channel tailor-made for today**

Tucked away in a grimy London back street is the television station that is revolutionising the viewing habits of young people across Europe. Ironically for a channel with such a high public profile, its headquarters are virtually impossible to find. There are no signs, no gates and no security staff.

But make no mistake, MTV is an emerging broadcasting giant. Over 43 million homes in Europe can already pick up the channel via satellite and cable, and new subscribers are joining at the rate of nearly one million a month.

Many parents remain baffled by the strangely hypnotic hold it has over their children. But its non-stop diet of pulsating pop, fast-moving pictures and beautiful people is tailor-made for the youth of today. A recent survey showed that 15 minutes is the average attention span of the modern teenager. With most pop videos lasting three minutes, MTV is unlikely to prove too taxing.

Groups of teenagers regularly make the pilgrimage to the network's nerve centre in Camden, north London, in the hope of meeting with VJs — or video jocks — who introduce pop promos and have become part of their everyday lives. For the teenagers, MTV is a magical world of glamour and excitement.

It was launched in America in 1981 with a budget of just £10 million to try to capitalise on the coming of the pop video. The premise was startlingly simple: if young people liked rock how could they fail to love MTV, which let them see their pop heroes in action? It proved a winning formula and the screening of promos by artists like Billy Idol and Duran Duran helped to spearhead a British rock invasion of the States. A dozen years on, 60 million American homes are hooked up.

In 1987, MTV Europe went on air. Cynics claimed that the 24-hour music channel would never succeed and advertisers were initially sceptical. But now, the critics are being forced to eat humble pie. Big business has also seen the sense in reaching out to a pan-European audience of consumerist teenagers.

The children of Western Europe have speedily succumbed to the channel's appeal and their Eastern counterparts are now falling under its spell. The UK, with just three million homes connected, is lagging behind but that should change with the spread of cable. Only the French have resisted its allure, rather predictably claiming it as an Anglo-American plot to undermine their culture.

One of the secrets of the success of MTV Europe is the deliberate attempt to give it a homegrown flavour. Only six of the staff at its headquarters are American and the VJs — of whom the best known are Ray Cokes, from Britain, and the German Kristiane Backer — come from all over Europe.

The station believes its irreverence — characterised by its off-the-wall animation spots — and the youth of its staff, whose average age is 24, help to keep MTV in touch with viewers. Regular research is also conducted to ensure that programming reflects their musical tastes.

One of the criticisms levelled at the channel is that its success is turning teenage pop fans into MTV junkies who spend all day glued to the screen. This charge angers its European chief, Bill Roedy, a graduate of West Point military academy who once commanded an American nuclear missile unit. "That's ridiculous," he says. "It's meant to be watched in short bursts. We programme in micro-seconds. The last thing we want is people watching 24 hours a day."

Another allegation is that it favours bland "corporate rock" over innovative new music and puts greater emphasis on looks than talent. Again, this is rebuffed by Mr Roedy, who draws attention to the specialist shows such as *Headbangers' Ball* for heavy metal enthusiasts, and points out: "A good video will not make bad music good." However, a good video may well make a bad song more palatable.

Much of the adverse criticism has been deflected by the station's success. Its European headquarters is relocating to TV-am's old London studios in the summer to satisfy its need for greater space and flexibility — and a further 40 staff, mainly British, are expected to be recruited. Elsewhere in the world it has made its way to Hong Kong, Japan and such unlikely places as Turkey and Nigeria.

MTV's ambitious series of studio recordings — dubbed "Unplugged" — which allow leading rock acts to rework old songs with acoustic guitars has proved hugely popular and lent MTV added credibility. The songs that Eric Clapton performed for the channel, and subsequently put out on an album, won him a Grammy award in America and the record has since notched up five million sales there alone.

Some rock critics are now ready to stand up for the station. Paul Trynka, editor of *Rock CD* magazine, says: "A lot of people slag off MTV but it's a very valid alternative to Radio 1." Meanwhile, MTV Europe expects to have more homes wired up than its American parent by the end of the decade. Perhaps anxious parents should simply bow to the inevitable and succumb to the MTV revolution.

YORK MEMBERY



MTV's magical world: the video jock Kristiane Backer

### HOMES ABLE TO RECEIVE MTV

| Some examples: | | | |
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| Holland | 4.5m | Poland | 0.9m |
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# Changes for the worse

## Another example of modern rewriting of the ancients, *A Jovial Crew* is no laughing matter, **Benedict Nightingale** says



DONALD COOPER

By Richard Brome, adapted by Stephen Jeffreys — or by Jeffreys, based on a play by Brome? The original author of *A Jovial Crew* cannot argue, being dead for centuries

On comes Prospero, with book and staff. He speaks:

*But this rough magic*
*I here abjure. Along with that, my power o'er all*
*My underlings I here renounce.*
*Too long have I,*
*A male from Europe, white in hue, held sway. Away,*
*With thoughts colonial! Now must the natives of*
*This isle the levers seize, and their own destinies work out.*

Even if the play were billed as having been "adapted" by Edward Bond or some other modern bard, I suspect a question or two might be asked if the Royal Shakespeare Company staged such a *Tempest*.

Why, then, has there been so little ado about *A Jovial Crew*, which the RSC is bringing from Stratford to London, complete with excellent reviews? It is billed as being "by Richard Brome, adapted by Stephen Jeffreys". That is technically accurate, yet creates expectations the evening itself hardly justifies. For myself, I reckon that some two-thirds of the play was written by Brome in 1641 and the rest is period pastiche. There are new characters, new scenes, a new dénouement. Those moved to celebrate the rediscovery of a strangely topical old dramatist may in fact be rejoicing at the anachronistic insights of a modern one.

This raises obvious questions. At what point does adaptation turn into creation, and a touched-up play, like a touched-up painting, become more the work of the restorer than of the original artist? And are such changes more or less legitimate if the piece is an obscure one?

Were *The Tempest* to be transformed into an anti-imperialist tract, most people would be as well equipped to protest as at a *Mona Lisa* decked out in dungarees. But which dramatist is responsible for the anti-establishment thrust of *A Jovial Crew*, Brome or Jeffreys? Scarcely anybody can tell.

These questions are hardly new. Two or three centuries ago it was impossible to see much of Shakespeare except in adaptation. Dryden retooled *Troilus and Cressida*; Garrick gave *Romeo and Juliet* a happy ending; and, most notoriously of all, Tate rewrote *King Lear*, excising the Fool and marrying Cordelia off to Edgar. Vandalism like that would seem impossible nowadays. Yet soi-disant "improvements" — to use the 17th-century term — are all around.

Some are small in scale. When the people hear that Coriolanus, whom they have driven from Rome, is marching on it, somebody lets drop the immortal "though we willingly consented to his banishment, yet 'twas against our will". At the National not long ago this was changed to "though we willingly consented to his banishment, yet 'twas *his* death we wished for" and delivered by an intense chap in a sweatshirt, the kind you *might* see at a Labour party rally. The line that most clearly summed up the fickleness of the mob became testimony to the good sense of the proletariat, turning Shakespeare's intentions and his social views on their heads.

> At what point does adaptation turn into creation?

Other changes have been larger and more blatant. Some years ago, John Barton added huge chunks to Shakespeare's *King John* in an attempt to make the play speak "to this age of Brecht and Bond", at one bizarre point acknowledging medieval inflation with "the price of goods soars meteor-like unto the towering heavens." More recently, the same director rejigged Aphra Behn's *The Rover*, in many ways to its structural gain. But when I saw the adaptation in Stratford, and later in Chicago, I don't think many of my fellow spectators realised that the courtesan who helplessly falls for the hero ("Who made the laws by which you judge me? Men who would rove and ramble, but require that women must be nice!") was by no means so eloquent a feminist in the 17th-century original.

And still they come. A very free adaptation of Sternheim's *Schippel*, one that changed the title character from a monster of class envy into an affable Joe, played at Greenwich and the Edinburgh Festival last year. Marlowe's *Faustus* moved into the Lyric, Hammersmith, with accretions that appeared to include the latest cosmological discoveries, the Big Bang among them.

The same theatre also recently saw the first revival of Middleton's *Old Law* since 1623. It turned out to be a fascinating piece, the tale of a duke who decrees death for old people; but the ending, in which he justified population control in terms made familiar by the Holocaust, was spurious.

Later this year, the RSC will be presenting a revival of *The Taming of the Shrew* which modernises and expands the Christopher Sly "induction". Hearties and Sloanes with names such as Lady Sarah Ormsby and the Hon Hugo Daley-Young rampage about, crowing "He's disgusting, probably working-class," when they stumble over Shakespeare's drunken tinker: It is an obvious and unnecessary attempt to suggest that Elizabethan brutishness has not dated; but at least the *Shrew* itself remains intact, which is more than can be said for *A Jovial Crew*.

The plot involves two well-born girls who run off with their swains to join a band of beggars. For Brome, this offers plenty of openings for comedy, romance, and human colour. For Jeffreys, it is an opportunity to remind the audience of the egalitarian upheavals of the Cromwellian era.

His beggars have become wilder, more politically aware, and more clearly the victims of society. They now include the widow of a stonemason who has met with an industrial accident, an actor accused of performing libellous plays and a "masterless man" who looks forward to seeing the social field "ploughed and all begun anew".

With fresh characters come fresh events, including the trial of a helpless young woman by a magistrate ferociously opposed to the "undeserving poor" and, finally, the performance of a play called *Utopia*, which recommends a medicine called Commonwealth "that will bring a dead man to life again". There are jolly if odd new songs — "when rogues proffer jockam in bousiest prank must not let it shock 'em, but take it by the shank and give it a wank" — but also earnest new references to "these uncertain times" and a spurious ending. Brome wanted both runaways to marry their respectable boyfriends. Now one girl leaves with the beggars to fight for "Utopia in England".

Is this so different from what Tate did to *Lear*? He forced that play to conform to 17th-century ideas of poetic justice: Jeffreys very nearly turns Brome into a 20th-century socialist.

It may be argued that *A Jovial Crew* would hardly be worth reviving if it had not been radically rejigged. I am not so sure. Quite apart from possessing an amusing plot, it contains intimations of change which a skilful director could exploit without recourse to rewriting. In any case, is it mere antiquarianism to say that I like to know what I am seeing?

Perhaps we are only talking about presentation. Perhaps *A Jovial Crew* should be billed as "Stephen Jeffreys's new version of an original by Richard Brome". Perhaps the revisions should be itemised in the programme. But I suspect the issue is larger and, given the number of revivals hitting our theatres nowadays, more important. We may not approve of the past. But if we start reinventing it to reflect our concerns and flatter our biases, we risk losing touch with our history and ourselves: in short, with reality itself.

Would you like to see machine-guns inserted into Uccello's *Battle of San Romano*? Or a reference to Aids into Shakespeare's famous sonnet about lust? Or a psychoanalyst into *Oedipus Rex*? If not, perhaps it is time to insist that we see the works of yesteryear with their warts intact.

● *A Jovial Crew, by Richard Brome and adapted by Stephen Jeffreys, previews at the Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891) from tonight at 7.15pm, and opens on April 22, at 7pm.*

PROSPECTS FOR BRITISH THEATRE

## The way forward: revival or renewal?

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THEATRE: **Josephine Akrill** on *L'Homme Qui*, Peter Brook's new production in Paris

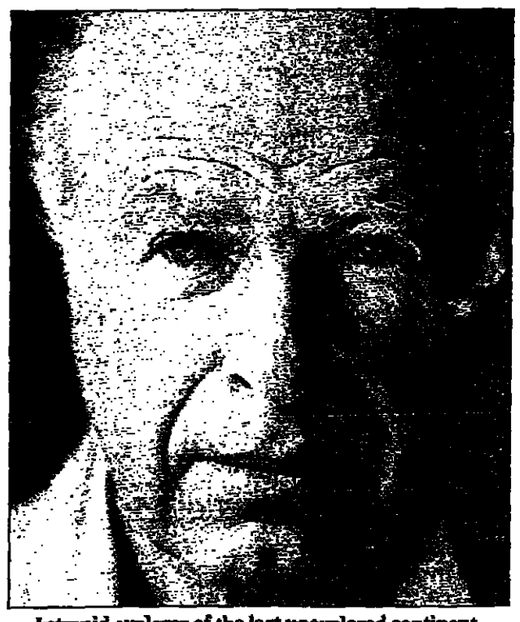
## Into the cuckoo's nest

From the myths of ancient India in the *Mahabarata*, to the magical island of *The Tempest*, Peter Brook has long accustomed his audiences to being swept off to strange, far-flung continents. Now, in *L'Homme Qui*, Brook's new production at the Parisian Bouffes du Nord, this English theatrical magician adopted by the French public turns his attention towards the last unexplored continent, that of the human brain.

A theatrical adaptation of American neurologist Oliver Sacks's astonishing clinical casebook of bizarre neurological disorders, *The Man who Mistook his Wife for a Hat*, Brook's production is a journey into the darker recesses of the human consciousness, the modern equivalent of a Greek tragedy, where the heroes battle with interior harpies in the forbidding landscapes of the disturbed human brain.

Staging is minimal. In the bare, antiseptic arena of a hospital clinic, furnished with five identical white chairs and flanked by camera and video-screens, four actors, all members of Brook's highly-acclaimed *Tempest* team, metamorphose before our eyes into a dozen of Sacks's patients, each living in his own inner world, unable to understand the external, rational propositions offered by the white-coated doctors who fire questions at them.

A doctor holds up a pen. "What is this?" he asks. "A mystic ambulance," replies the patient, calmly. "And this?" says the doctor, now holding a red ballpoint. "A *red* mystic ambulance," comes the reply. A paralysed man finds, to his astonishment, that he can walk by watching his legs and willing them to move. His twisted, grimacing battle with his own body is a daily "mental marathon".



Intrepid explorer of the last unexplored continent, the human brain: Peter Brook translates powerfully

A young boy sits with his left arm under a sheet. "Whose arm is this?" asks the doctor. "Not mine. My mother must have left it behind," he replies, smiling. "It's strange, but that's the way it is."

Based on real-life conversations between doctors and patients, the often comical dialogues are strangely reminiscent of the theatre of the absurd, where people and objects whirl in a verbal void. "Say no," the doctor urges his patient. "Yes," he replies. "I said no," the doctor insists. "Yes," replies the wide-eyed patient, and so on.

Some scenes are frankly comic, as with the man who carefully shaves the right-hand side of his face, leaving the left cheek covered in shaving-foam — it's not his cheek. But when the patients are suddenly brought face to face with their condition, through the brutal instruments of external "reality" — the tape recorder, the video camera — and their faces crumple in despair and horror, the theatre falls silent, as the audience contemplates the tragedy of those whose senses betray them to the outside world.

As, one by one, the patients are conducted to the spotlit chair, centre-stage, and exposed to our brutal gaze, we are brought face to face with some of our own most deep-rooted fears — loss of memory, waking up to find one's face has aged 30 years during the night, no longer recognising one's own friends and family — all experienced by Sacks's patients, and presented by Brook and his actors.

Brook's production takes us back to the very roots of theatre — the living-through of mysteries we cannot understand. *L'Homme Qui* ends with audience and actors alike turned towards the two onstage video screens, and watching the strange, beauteous images of the human brain as it pulsates with enigmatic life.

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ARTS BRIEFING

ARTS organisations which receive funding from the Arts Council will have found a rather unpleasant letter in their postbags recently. Under the heading *Financial Forecasts*, the council has written to all its clients informing them that the usual 12-month period of notice before a reduction or removal of grant will no longer be possible.

For years the Arts Council has had the good manners to alert clients if revenue funding is about to be cut, giving them time to find alternative sources of income or make the necessary cutbacks. But threatened cuts in government funding to the Arts Council has made this courtesy impossible. "Because of the reduction in the government's grant, and the demise of three-year funding, the Arts Council may now have to make changes in 1994-5, of which it will be unable to give 12 months notice," says the letter.

### Last chance . . .

ATHOL FUGARD'S *Playland* takes its time coming to life, but indisputably does so, and by its surprisingly optimistic, forgiving end has become a powerful comment on political reforms in South Africa. The last performance is at the Donmar Warehouse on Saturday (071-867 1150).

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## TODAY'S EVENTS

**A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Heather Alston**

### LONDON

**A JOVIAL CREW**: Max Stafford-Clark's *marvellous discovery of a play about the* lure of the vagabond life, written on the eve of the Civil War. A wealthy landowner's daughters become fascinated by a troupe of vagrants and decide to run away and adopt the beggar's lifestyle
**The Pit**, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). *Previews from* tonight, 7.15pm.

**YSAYE QUARTET**. The internationally acclaimed quartet perform Haydn's *String Quartet in C; Beethoven's* Quartet in F minor; Dutilleux's *Ainsi la nuit*; and Mendelssohn's Quartet in A *minor*.
**Wigmore Hall**, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141), tonight, 7.30pm.

**PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA**: Heinrich Schiff makes his Philharmonia conducting debut with a programme which *includes Rossini's Overture, William Tell*, Dvořák's Symphony No 8; and Chopin's *Piano Concerto No 1 with* Nikolai Demidenko on piano.
**Festival Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), tonight, 7.30pm.

**JUILLIARD STRING QUARTET**: The New York quartet, comprising Robert *Mann, Samuel Rhodes, Joel Smirnoff* and Joel Krosnick, follow the New York Philharmonic to the South Bank. The programme includes Haydn's String Quartet in C, Janáček's String Quartet *No 1 in E minor (Kreutzer)* and Brahms's String Quartet in A minor
**Queen Elizabeth Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), tonight, 7.45pm.

**REAL TIME**: The Israeli company, Tmu-Na Theatre, present a love story set *in a Tel Aviv bar on the eve of the Yom* Kippur war.
**Lyric Studio**, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311), *opens tonight, 7pm*, then Mon-Sat, 8pm

**LIARS, FAKERS AND PEOPLE BEING HONEST**: Talking pictures present an exposé of contemporary lies and home truths; using words, pictures *and mime to introduce the audience to* conmen, charlatans and cheats.
**Watermans Arts Centre**, 40 High Street, Brentford (081-568 1176), opens tonight, until Sat, 8pm.

**ELKIE BROOKS**: With her *well-crafted new album of jazz influenced standards, 'Round Midnight*, the singer has made an interesting departure from her normal poppy style.
**Hammersmith Apollo** (081-741 4868), tonight, 8.45pm.

### REGIONAL

**POOLE**: Continuing the series of "Great American Classics", the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** under Andrew Litton performs a programme including music by Walter *Piston, Gershwin, Ives and Bernstein*.
**Wessex Hall**, Kingsland Road (0202 685222), 7.30pm.

**IPSWICH**: Nancy Meckler's exceptionally well-directed version of Tolstoy's **Anna Karenina** for physical theatre company Shared Experience.
**Wolsey Theatre**, Civic Drive, (0473 253725). *Tonight-Sat*, 7.30pm, *mats* tomorrow, Sat, 2.30pm.

**MANCHESTER**: Gregory Hersov directs **Little Murders**, Jules Feiffer's sharp comedy of a New York family trying to relax at home.
**Royal Exchange**, St Ann's Square (061-833 9833). Preview today, 7.30pm; opens tomorrow, 7.30pm; then Fri, Sat, 8pm, *mats Sat, 4pm*.

**MANCHESTER**: Johan Christian Dahl and his pupil Thomas Fearnley are considered the founders of Norwegian landscape art and are the subject of the show **Nature's Way**. Neither actually spent much time painting in Norway, both training and patronage leading them to Copenhagen, Germany, Italy, and (in Fearnley's case), England. But Dahl's small oil sketches recall Constable, and Fearnley's vivid Italian scenes sometimes attain a degree of detail Ruskin would have admired.
**Whitworth Art Gallery**, Oxford Road (061-2734985). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm (Thurs to 9pm). until March 27.

**WOLVERHAMPTON**: A pioneer on the guitar synthesizer, the American musician **Pat Metheny** has just been awarded his seventh Grammy Award, this time for his first solo project, the *album Secret Story*
**Civic Hall** (0902 312030), tonight, 7.30pm. **London**, Hammersmith Apollo (081-741 4868), tomorrow and Fri, 8.45pm.

**EDINBURGH**: Following the success of her latest album 99.9F, more up-tempo than her previous material, Suzanne Vega continues her tour.
**Usher Hall** (031-228 8616), tonight, 7.30pm.

## THEATRE GUIDE

**Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London**

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
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☐ **CHATSKY**. Colin Firth dishes out the spleen as the horror of Griboyedov's bitter comedy. Clever staging of Anthony Burgess's translation.
**Almeida**, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins

◪ ***CITY OF ANGELS***: *Top quality* Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
**Prince of Wales**, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins

☐ **CRAZY FOR YOU**: Thrillingly *staged new version of the Gershwin* musical Girl Crazy. Exceptional entertainment value.
**Prince Edward**, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, *mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins*

☐ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC**: Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally *challenged hero but the production is* too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
**Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed *and Sat, 2.30pm 180mins*

☐ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA**: Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
**Apollo** Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins

◪ **THE GAME OF LOVE AND CHANCE**: *Energetic update of* Marivaux's role-swapping comedy mistakenly played for farce.
**National (Cottesloe)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today-Sat, 7.30pm, *mat Sat, 2.30pm Final performances* 140mins

☐ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON**: Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the *themes of justice and terrible revenge*
**Wyndham's**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins

☐ **THE HOUSE OF YES**. Unnerving black comedy: members of an *incestuous family house are obsessed* with the death of Kennedy.
**Gate**, 11 Pembridge Street, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. 80mins

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**: Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
**Aldwych**, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN**. Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kerv's magic tricks are amazing.
**Vaudeville**, *Strand*, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN**: Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical, based on Manuel Puig's novel. A new cast takes over led by Bebe Neuwirth.
*Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue*, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

☐ ***THE LAST YANKEE***: *Subtle and* touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester. Peter Davison lead a quartet of *middle-aged Americans troubled by* material success
**Young Vic**, *66 The Cut*, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm, 75mins.

☐ ***LOST IN YONKERS***. Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than *usual. Maureen Lipman gives good* value as a loopy aunt.
**Strand**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

■ **MACBETH**. An idiosyncratic *performance by Alan Howard in Richard* Eyre's murky production
**National (Olivier)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm

◪ **MISERY**. Julie T. Wallace and Nigel Le Vaillant in nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller.
**Criterion**, *Piccadilly Circus*, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ ***NO MAN'S LAND***: *Paul Eddington* and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff.
**Comedy**, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

◪ ***ON THE PISTE***. John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket *ski resort*.
**Garrick**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats *Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm*. 135mins.

◪ **PLAYLAND**: Athol Fugard's two-hander, white man and black man, *loitering outside a fairground*, haul up their past and hint at the future. Builds to an eloquent climax.
**Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150) Mon-Sat, 8pm, *mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 90mins*. Last week.

☐ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT**: John Wells, William Gaunt, *Richard Kane and* Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's cunning adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
**Whitehall**, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 *1119*). *Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats* Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins

**LONG RUNNERS**: ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◪ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ■ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ☐ **Hay Fever**: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ **An Ideal Husband**: Globe (071-494 5065) ◪ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) . . . ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) . . ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ◪ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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## GALLERIES: **Jamie James** on a fascinating exhibition of Chinese painting in New York



Neglected: *Landscapes and Figures*, from an album by Zang Lu (Metropolitan Museum of Art, Marie Hélène and Guy Weill Family Collection)

# Rediscovering lost landscapes

The Chinese have always had an Orwellian knack for re-writing their history to suit the needs of the moment. Nowhere is that tendency more conspicuous than in matters of taste, which in China can have the same weight and significance as affairs of state. When an artist or even a school of art declines and loses power, it is not merely neglected: it can actually be purged from the cultural record.

A superb new exhibition at New York's Metropolitan Museum showcases a classic example of this process, and at the same time shows how modern art historians can rediscover these lost continents of art. "Painters of the Great Ming" is the first comprehensive re-examination of Ming dynasty court painting, which flourished under imperial patronage in the middle decades of the 15th century. When the Ming overthrew the "barbarian" Mongol dynasty at the end of the 14th century, they made it an imperative to re-establish traditional Chinese culture. To this end the emperor Xuanzong (1399-1435), himself a painter of some distinction, established a school of court painting which endured for more than a century. Xuanzong is represented in the Met show by two charming dog portraits.

The paintings in the show fall into three categories: bird and flower pictures, which attempt to recapture the exquisite refinement of the Sung dynasty masters; landscape paintings, which also echo the earlier style; and lively, often comic genre scenes. The Met's curator of Chinese painting, Maxwell Hearn, makes the point that many of these professional painters, such as Wu Wei — whose *Strolling Village Entertainers*, a loan from the British Museum, is one of the most vivid, vigorous pictures in the exhibition — came from the lower classes themselves and were often close to the low life they depicted in their art.

After imperial patronage declined in the 16th century, the quality of the painting also declined. By the end of the Ming dynasty, professional painters had earned a reputation for being hacks, grinding out lifeless copies of the court painters. Thus the whole school was consigned to the dustbin and forgotten. The assumption was that because Ming court painters set out to revive the traditions of the Sung dynasty, they were contemptible imitators whose works lacked originality.

Yet that view is very much a mid-20th century attitude: throughout most of history, artists eastern and western have valued tradition over originality. The Ming painters' reverence for the Sung masters is not essentially different from the attempt by sculptors of the Italian Renaissance to recapture the aesthetic ideals of antiquity — and as such it hardly deserves to be treated with contempt.

● *Painters of the Great Ming* continues at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, until May 9

## CONCERT: **Stephen Pettitt** on a musical relationship that has brought benefits for everyone involved

# Unlikely partners in a study in harmony

**NYPO/Masur**
Festival Hall

This was my first live encounter with the apparently unlikely partnership, established some eighteen months ago, of Kurt Masur, the formerly dour giant of Leipzig, and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, renowned hard men and women of the orchestral business. Word has had it that an unforeseen chemistry has occurred: he loves them and they love him.

Even taking into account the fact that orchestras usually play above themselves on tour, word in this case has got it just about right. Masur looks ten years younger and about a million times happier than when he used to trawl over from what was then East Germany with his secure and reliable Leipzig players, admirable though they — and he — were. He has seemingly grown yet another 12 inches, which makes him at least 11 feet tall. He smiles. He shapes his phrases with loving but carefully gauged gestures, disdaining, like Boulez, that frequently redundant implement, the baton. He communicates enjoyment and excitement and energy. He likes his new job.

Not everything went to plan in Monday's concert, the first of two on consecutive evenings which the NYPO gave in London. The opening of Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante for violin and viola, K.364, seemed to take the orchestral strings by surprise, and one or two tiny incidents — imperfect ensemble, the odd intonation problem — suggested that fatigue of travel had told. One should accept such things without too much complaint, though I am not so sure that these days one should swallow an interpretation so defiantly rooted in the Romantic tradition. Neglecting details of articulation within phrases, treating the music in exactly the same way as you would Brahms, only minus a few desks of strings, does not help it make its impact, whether you are playing modern-style instruments or not.

Yet make an impact it did. Both soloists, Glenn Dicterow and Cynthia Phelps, were plucked from the orchestra's first desks, and both played superbly within these chosen parameters. Phelps, particularly, makes a wonderfully strong, husky and ripe sound, something reflected in the quality of the orchestra's entire viola section. It must surely be among the world's best. Masur was sensible enough to allow each movement its natural momentum, which meant that for once the finale was a genuine Presto and did not drag its heels as it so often does.

After this, and now with its full complement of players, the NYPO came into its own with a bristling reading of Richard Strauss's *Till Eulenspiegel*. This was the perfect choice of repertoire, showing beyond doubt that Masur has indeed taken to New York's excitable, spontaneous and frenetic atmosphere like a duck to water, and, conversely, that his players have taken on board the best qualities of German orchestras — they play as a unit and they favour a solid, carefully balanced sound rather than an extrovert, superficially exciting one.

All the same, the horn section made the spine tingle here and also distinguished itself, along with the woodwinds (and particularly Joseph Robinson's oboe), in Brahms's Second Symphony after the interval. Masur captured the soft edges of this work to perfection, at the same time never allowing momentum to waver, even in the Adagio non troppo. He knows this music inside out, so that the intermezzo-like third movement was held in perfect poise, while the finale clinched the argument without being played as though it were a frustrated bull allowed to rampage through what is really quite a china shop of a symphony.



Kurt Masur: he now communicates enjoyment, excitement and energy

## NEW RELEASES

**BEST OF THE BEST 2** (18) Karate teacher Eric Roberts avenges pal's death. Brutal, degenerate action adventure. With Phillip Ree, Ralph Moeller, Wayne Newton. Director, Robert Radler
**MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527)

◆ **LEAP OF FAITH** (PG) Steve Martin's evangelical conman finds his match in drought-stricken Texas. Hard-going drama; with Debra Winger, Liam Neeson. Director, Richard Pearce
**MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **ONE FALSE MOVE** (18) Excellent rural film noir from director Carl Franklin. Bill Paxton as the Arkansas sheriff *faced with two fleeing drug dealers and* a tantalising moll. With Cynda Williams, Billy Bob Thornton
**Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

**THE OX** (12) A stark family tragedy from 1860s Sweden, beautifully recounted by director Sven Nykvist. Stellan Skarsgard and Ewa Froling as the luckless couple who kill their neighbour's ox.
**Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

**PARIS IS BURNING**: Jennie Livingston's half-sad, half-exhilarating documentary about Harlem's drag balls of the late Eighties.
**ICA** (071-930 3647)

## CURRENT

◆ **FOREVER YOUNG** (PG): Test pilot frozen for 50 years awakes and searches for true love. Endearing old-fashioned fantasy; with Mel Gibson, Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, Steve Miner.
**MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

**INDOCHINE** (12) Love in a hot climate. A mix plot, but Catherine Deneuve and gorgeous images carry *the day. Director, Régis Wargnier*
**Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

◆ **THE JUNGLE BOOK** (U): Disney's most endearing cartoon of the Sixties: *witty, tuneful, with a wonderful line-up* of jungle characters inspired by Kipling.
**Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

**ORLANDO** (PG). Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route: filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
**Barbican** (071-638 8891) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366)

**THE QUINCE TREE SUN** (U). Spanish artist Antonio Lopez strives to capture a quince tree on canvas. Victor Erice's magical meditation on art and nature
**Renoir** (071-837 8402)

◆ **A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT** (PG) Robert Redford's hymn to family, nature and fly fishing. Beautifully mounted, but lacking punch. With Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt, Tom Skerritt.
**MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148).

◆ **SCENT OF A WOMAN** (15): A blind army veteran visits New York with a prep school pup. Far too long, with a barnstorming star (Al Pacino) and just a few spots of magic. With Chris O'Donnell; director, Martin Brest.
**Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **SPLITTING HEIRS** (12): Eric Idle seeks to retrieve his dukedom from *American usurper Rick Moranis*; with Barbara Hershey, Catherine Zeta Jones. Director, Robert Young.
**Barbican** (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

*USED PEOPLE* (12). *Will Jewish* widows Shirley MacLaine accept Marcello Mastroianni's advances? Queasy comedy romance. Director, Beeban Kidron
**Odeon Haymarket** (0426 915353)

**WIND** (PG): Carroll Ballard's visually luxurious but water-logged drama about the America's Cup race. With Matthew Modine, Jennifer Grey.
**Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999).

**WITTGENSTEIN**: Derek Jarman's jaunty portrait of philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein excites the eye and stimulates the intellect. With Karl Johnson, Tilda Swinton.
**ICA** (071-930 3647).

## CINEMA GUIDE

**Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country**


## ENTERTAINMENTS

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**LEFEVRE GALLERY** 30 Bruton St, W1 071-493 2107. *An exhibition of Paintings by* GEORGINA O'KEEFFE (1887 - 1986). 5 April-7 May. Mon-Fri 10-5pm

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**CURZON PHOENIX** Presents St. Giles Charles Cross Rd. 071 867 1044 **HOWARDS END** (PG) Progs at 2.30, 5.15 & 8.05 Winner of 3 Oscars including Best Actress Emma Thompson & Winner Best Film BAFTA Awards 1993.

**CURZON MAYFAIR** Curzon St. 071 465 8865 Max Von Sydow, Daryl Hannah in **THE SILENT TOUCH** (15) Progs 1.45 (not Sun), 4.00, 6.15 & 8.30

**CURZON WEST END** Shaftesbury Ave W1 071 439 4805 Cameron Diaz Demonstrates to **INDOCHINE** (12) Progs at 1.30, 4.30 & 7.45 Academy Award Winner Best Foreign Language Film

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**ROYAL OPERA HOUSE** 071 240 1066/1911. Standby info 836 6903. 9 CC 65 amplit seats avail on the day.
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**STRATFORD-UPON-AVON** (

# Gets ideas, then stands them up

## One man is the master constructor of buildings dreamt up by the Richard Rogers Partnership. **Marcus Binney** met him

John Young builds the future. Yet his dapper appearance gives no clue of his uncompromising drive for innovation. He is the living embodiment of a Flaubert maxim he likes to quote: "Be regular and ordinary in your life, like a bourgeois, so that you may be violent and original in your work."

He is one of the four founder-partners of the Richard Rogers Partnership with Marco Goldschmied, Michael Davies and Sir Richard himself. Although the practice bears Rogers's name alone, the founding four are as much a team as the Beatles, each contributing a particular skill to the total process of design and construction. Attempts to ascribe individual buildings to a particular partner are firmly rebuffed.



John Young: "I revel in making things"

John Young's creative role lies in giving physical form to adventurous designs. The history of architecture might have been hugely different if there had been a John Young beside architects like Boullé and Sant Elia and the Russian constructivists whose visionary designs remained on the drawing board because no one could find a practical way of building them. "I am the constructor of the practice," says Young. "I revel in making things and detailing them."

In his futuristic apartment overlooking the Thames, he keeps a vast technical library in rolling bookshelves. "I risk brain damage scanning through dozens of awful magazines and going to trade exhibitions of mindless banality in the hope of finding one or two items of interest. My skill, and what I enjoy, is the process of working closely with the firms that make our things."

He has his own network of small manufacturers. "I believe the best work can only come out of co-operation, and a similar attitude, between designer and maker. That's so whether it's a small back-street craftsman or a large company prefabricating whole sections of a building."

To get the best results, he says, you have to work out details at full scale. For this reason he abhors competitions. "The let-down and sense of wasted time when you lose is unbearable," he says. Yet he concedes: "The competition system has been good to our practice. The Pompidou Centre, Lloyd's and all five of our current major projects were won in competition."

These are the Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, the Channel 4 headquarters in Victoria, new law courts in Bordeaux, terminal five at Heathrow Airport and the Brau und Brunnen tower in Berlin.

Among the losers, he says, two are particularly painful: the Tokyo Forum, consisting of three giant concert halls daringly suspended in mid-air, and the Inland Revenue offices in Nottingham.

Currently the practice has three major types of client. "First the media with the Reuters building on the Isle of Dogs, as well as Channel 4, then the judiciary and, third, airports, with a new terminal at Marseilles and work at Heathrow's terminal one."

The roof of the terminal five design has a dramatic wave form. "The idea is of a strongly shaped roof which will catch your eye as soon as you peel off the motorway," Young explains. "Too many terminals are hemmed in by multi-storey car parks so that their visual impact is lost. Here all the car parking would be concealed behind landscaped embankments."

Young's first break came in his year out from studies at the Architectural Association (AA). "I joined Team Four, set up by Richard Rogers and Norman Foster and their wives, and suddenly had lots of responsibility thrown upon me." But he returned to find the AA a different place. "It was going through a disastrous experiment combining second, third and fourth years of students. I found I could fulfil my RIBA obligations in a year and went straight to John Richard."

His first seminal project was for a zip-up house. The Dupont Company was sponsoring a competition for "a house of today" at the Ideal Home Exhibition, and they had undertaken to build the winning design. "We worked with the engineer Tony Hunt on a ring structure. You could zip on one section to another as you wanted to expand your house. It could all have been done with 1968 technology but the judges were convinced we were advocating something not available." So it was never built.

Today the practice is taking a new direction — away from what he calls the "gothic romanticism" of Lloyd's to "a softer, more organic and site-responsive approach". There is a new transparency in their latest buildings, using shading to reduce the need for air conditioning.

Young had an aversion to "mindless, bland, tinted-glass boxes. They may work during the day but at night you get a very distorted view of the interior. Looking out of tinted glass is also appalling."

Young is also a great champion of British products but he feels the one area where Britain has fallen behind is in cladding buildings. "If you want a high quality, high performance external wall you have to go to Germany, Switzerland, Holland or Italy." The University of Bath has set up a centre for window and façade technology with the object of restoring England's industry to its former pre-eminence.

The world's leaders, says Young, are Gartners, "a German firm built up from a family blacksmith at the end of the 19th century. Decades of reinvestment of profit have put them in a position no one can approach. But take the Channel 4 building: we accepted the lowest price from a small company, Permastellisa. They can get anything they want within the ten-mile radius. I see no reason why this country can't support five top-rate companies of this type."

The abiding excitement of the Rogers office is the sense of constant experiment. In the hall is a model for a huge tower as different from the usual matchbox as can be imagined. Balconies and windows jut in and out as freely as organ stops.

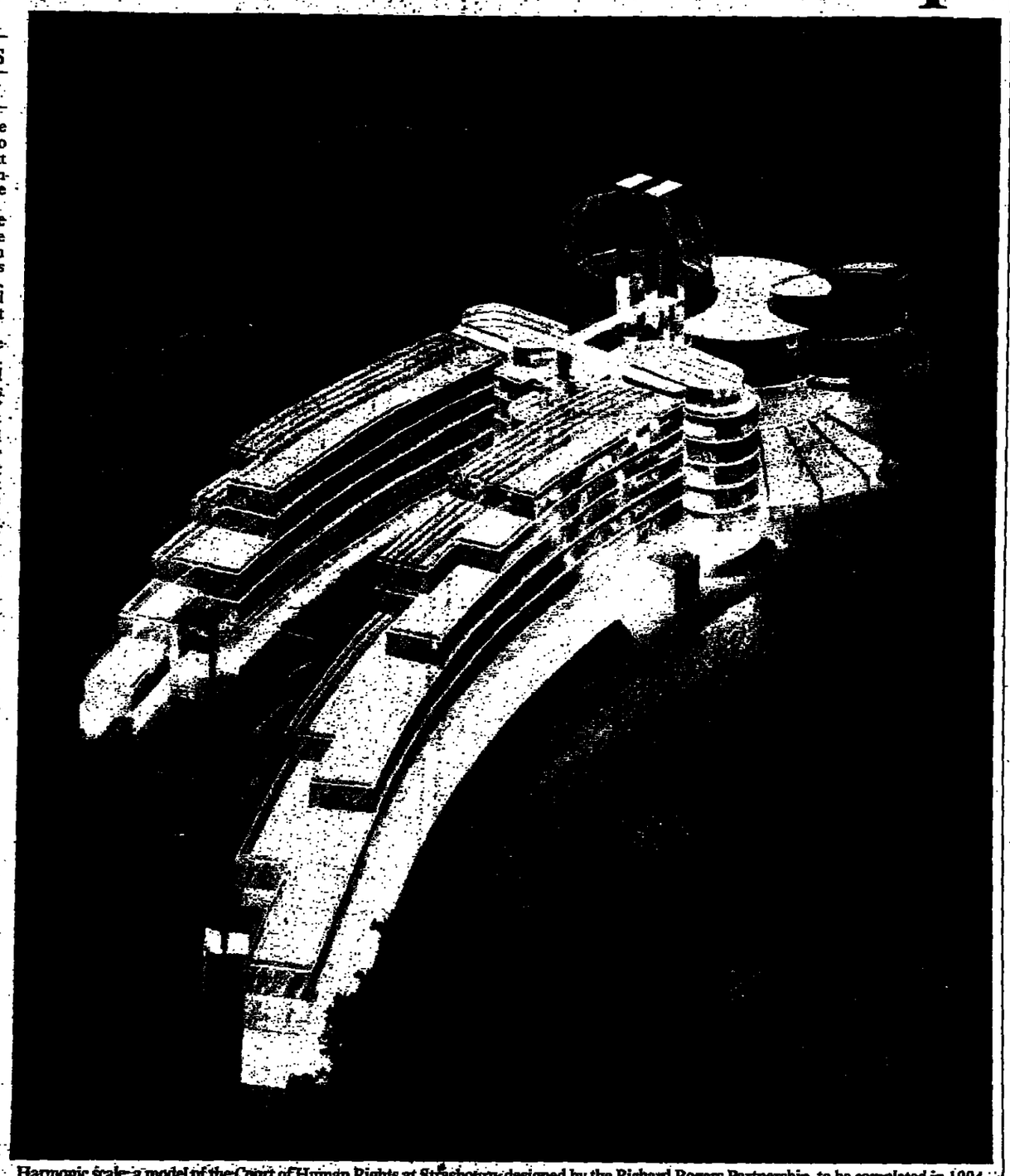
Young explains: "It's a tower for South Korea, for the biggest producer of kitchens in the Pacific Rim. They want to diversify into pre-fabricated housing and required a system that would work at both low and high density. So we conceived a series of pods that could be set beside or above or end-on to each other."

In Berlin, the Brau und Brunnen is the practice's first tall building: 30 storeys high. "It's a sky-pricker, with a highly fragmented silhouette, like the Chrysler building."

Young and his partners are determined that their practice, whatever its success, should grow no bigger than 80 to 100 staff. "I believe control of the design process is a function of size. It's essential that none of us should ever be remote."

What next? "I'm very interested in carbon fibre technology. I like very high performance but slender structural elements. It could be used to make very slender, wide-span concrete beams. The analogy is almost that of an eggshell, something strong but exceedingly thin. By contrast, if you make ferro concrete too thin the mesh inside can corrode."

As yet it is extremely expensive. "It might be used on an America's Cup yacht where an extra slender mast improves performance." In Young's mind, however, an entirely new generation of buildings is already taking shape.



Harmonic scale: a model of the Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg, designed by the Richard Rogers Partnership, to be completed in 1994

DANCE

# Defeated by the setting

**Raymonda**
Sands Centre, Carlisle

What a contrast. The group of English National Ballet dancers I reviewed in Olga Roriz's *Seven Silences of Salome* last week had the benefit of the attractive and efficient new Swan Theatre in High Wycombe for their premiere. Their colleagues in another group touring simultaneously with a different programme experienced conditions unfortunately at the other end of the spectrum. (Incidentally, I must correct a misprint in my earlier notice; these small-scale tours serve *towns off*, not *of* the large company circuit.)

The Sands Centre in Carlisle — a multi-purpose sports and leisure resort — has a dismal auditorium; many seats offer poor sightlines, the stage is cramped and noisy. In the circumstances, I must make allowances for the way this group danced ENB's new production, a staging by Frederic Franklin of the classical showpiece, *Grand Pas Hongrois*, from the last act of Petipa's *Raymonda*.

After all, they had already coped decently with Robert North's romantic fantasy to Schubert music, *A stranger I came*, and Darryl Norton (after a subdued start) gave a fair account of the captive in Christopher Bruce's powerfully dramatic *Swansong*, which would have looked better still if his two tormentors had been more dominant and more cohesive (they need to seem like an established double act).

The *Raymonda* dances give a bravura conclusion to a balanced programme. They comprise the familiar *pas de dix*, with some extra numbers from elsewhere in the ballet so that each of the women has a solo. Franklin has also added a brief introduction and a brilliantly whizzing coda, mainly for the two principals.

Franklin not only knows the ballet well (he partnered Alexandra Danilova in the 1946 Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo version produced by her and George Balanchine), but is one of the most gifted of living ballet masters, able to pass on his knowledge of style and technique. Maria Teresa del Real dances the ballerina role with glitter and panache; her young partner, Christian Duncan, shows promise and, in the finale, something more than that.

Unfortunately, with all allowances made for difficult circumstances, some of the other dancers seem not really ready for their demanding roles. Also, to play Glazunov's music with just one piano is not good enough; at the very least, a second pianist to supplement the admirable Jonathan Still is needed.

English National Ballet has acquired a good new production; now they need to make the most of it.

JOHN PERCIVAL

RADIO REVIEW

# A day in the lives of Leonard

A little Palestrina for breakfast on Easter Monday — and then Radio 3 was off on 14½ hours of Leonard Bernstein, with its **Bernstein Day** live from the BBC studio on Fifth Avenue. Humphrey Burton was in charge, and had gathered most of the Bernstein family round him, notably three formidable women — Bernstein's sister Shirley, his niece Karen and his daughter Jamie Bernstein Thomas, all of whom know everything there is to know about him, and kept saying authoritatively "Right?" or "Right!"

Early in the day we also met Bernstein's brother Bertie, who gave an evocative account of the 25-year-old Leonard's weekend *mirabilis* in November 1943. Bertie, then 11, had come up to New York with his parents to hear his brother's song-cycle *I Hate Music*, and had to stay to hear him conduct the New York Philharmonic at a few hours' notice because Bruno Walter was ill.

Bernstein was still hungover after the song-cycle party, we learnt, but his debut on the rostrum was a prodigious triumph, and the extraordinary weekend turned into an extraordinary year with the success of his musical *On the Town*, on Broadway.

Conductor, composer, teacher — we were given a hefty showing of Bernstein's subsequent fame in all these spheres. As a conductor, he was perhaps not at his best in the *Carmen* we heard in the afternoon: it was sumptuous, but rather lacking in Spanish fire, and Marilyn Horne, who sang Carmen, said that she was amazed by the slow *tempi* Bernstein wanted.

Also in the afternoon, a group of rather dreary-voiced American musicians agreed about his genius but managed to convey the feeling that they did not think much of his serious music. One of them was reduced to praising Bernstein's skill at crosswords. As a composer, it seems most likely that he will be remembered for *West Side Story*.

As a teacher and enthusiast he was certainly outstanding. We did not hear his own voice very much on Bernstein Day, but one of the best items was his introduction to the first movement of the *Eroica*, a brilliant combination of technical and imaginative exposition.

Part of the fun was following Humphrey Burton around as the day wore on. He was always calling "Taxi" and dashing off to another part of New York to meet someone else — but more and more clues suggested that this was all a game and that he was in the studio with his recordings the whole time. Nevertheless, the day was a splendid feat of organisation, and left one not only with a large view of Bernstein but also with a new feeling for a whole epoch of musical history.

Meanwhile, Radio 1 was going religious. On Easter Monday evening we had the first programme in its new series **The Big Holy One**. It laughed at itself — it called its women reporters the Big Holy Sisters — but it was essentially quite serious about religion. The rock music in the background hardly missed a beat, but the programme allowed the Bishop of Southwark to present the arguments for the existence of God to a playful actress, and investigated the appeal of Islam for young Britons, concluding that for some of them it meant far more than just falling for the charisma of Malcolm X.

One speaker said that the devil did not have the best tunes, but he had the best rhythms. That certainly seemed the case on Radio 1's other religious show, **Talk of the Devil**, on Good Friday. This, too, gave a theologically careful picture of the devil and his ways. However, Satan's appearance was always accompanied by such brilliant rock drumming that one feared it might be recruiting its listeners into the wrong party, with "Get thee behind me, Satan" just another movement on the dance floor.

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Fame: Leonard Bernstein, photographed by Stephen Spender

TELEVISION REVIEW: The joylessness of sex in *The Agony of the Ecstasy*

# Naked and the deadly

In a brightly lit studio, location undisclosed, a nubile, smooth-skinned heterosexual couple in swimsuits are attempting to fake a "quickie" for a commercial video on love-making. The scenario in the director's mind is quite simple: they are on their summer hols, she's on a poolside sun-lounger, he's on a towel; they kiss, he pulls her down roughly on top of him, respond, respond, kiss, kiss, heat rises, passion mounts, tug and fumble with trunks, and away they go.

But unfortunately it's not working out. "It's got to be quick," says the tired director, lamely. Behind the cameras, the producers sit in attitudes of bored silence, their chins resting on their chests. The leggy, flailing couple do their best, but there is something profoundly dawdling about their performance, even to the amateur eye. Perhaps the call of "Faster, faster" just makes them nervous. Perhaps the floor is cold. Or perhaps, like all actors everywhere, they simply require some notes on motivation.

Last night's **40 Minutes** (BBC2), entitled *The Agony of the Ecstasy*, was concerned with the changing nature of sex advice over the past 100 years. Given the surprises contained in Steve Humphries's recently repeated oral history series *A Secret World of Sex*, it looked a promising subject, especially since director Marilyn Wheatcroft is herself known for oral history projects with the Television History Workshop.

But, unfortunately, it didn't work out that way. Just like those poor handsome actors grappling with their meagre characterisations, *The Agony of the Ecstasy* went through the obvious motions all right, but it never convinced anybody that it was seriously involved.

This is not to say it was unsophisticated. The arch narrative style (delivered by Anton Rodgers), the mixture of wittily chosen archive images, edges of floating text and comical electronic keyboard arrangements of "Satisfaction" by the Rolling Stones, gave the unmissable hint that there was good sport in its making ("Let's have this film of a torpedo being *shoved* into a hold, what do you think?" "Yes, let's!"). But subtract this arguably adolescent thought-association stuff (derivative in any case from *Small Objects of Desire*), and the programme actually told you little you didn't already know.

Basically, the lesson of *The Agony of the Ecstasy* was this: whereas the advice books formerly told us it was healthy to abstain from sex, and that masturbation led to feeble-mindedness, now we learn from videos, *Cosmopolitan* and agony aunts that sex should be done all over the place, at every opportunity ("Forget the magazine," pleaded the hapless video director. "Move that leg, this is *supposed* to be *quick*") and that masturbation is not only good for you, but possibly compulsory under statute.

But while the narration did ultimately make a point — that our modern emphasis on performance is tyrannical — it was hardly a point worth making when the style was so disastrously unhelpful to it (wry, jokey, distant), when the *40 Minutes* audience would be expecting something completely different in any case, and when Aids (unmentioned) has thrown all these certainties into question.

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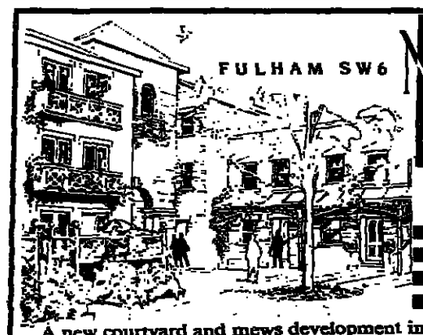
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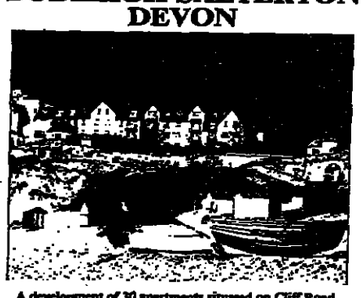
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*Fit or unfit? The Whites say they want to live in their Exmoor cottage, the council says they must not, but the couple refuse to move*

# Nightmare on Exmoor

## A couple face eviction after applying for a council grant. **Mary Wilson** reports

When is an Englishman's home not his castle? When, it seems, he applies for a council grant. Eric and Fay White, a couple in their sixties who live in an old farmhouse in the middle of Exmoor, found themselves threatened with eviction after their application for an improvement grant.

The Whites moved into their white-walled, slate-roofed cottage 12 years ago. They have no mains electricity, mains water or mains sewage, but neither do any of the houses in this remote area.

The inhabitants, unable to afford connection, are happy to use generators, septic tanks and well or spring water. Sixteen householders in the area have applied for mains electricity, but to no avail. Even the occupiers of a new house have had to install a generator and wind wheel. Mrs White, a spry former physical education teacher, says: "People here are so isolated that they tend to be self-sufficient."

The Whites' problems began with their water supply, which has come from land on an adjacent property for more than 40 years.

A few years ago, the landowners changed their farming methods and started to let the animals range more freely, which meant that 114 bullocks were running around, over the couple's water supply.

When the water was tested under European Community regulations, it was found to be polluted. West Somerset council told the Whites to boil their water and insisted that a stock-proof fence was put around the area, but this was never done.

Then, Mrs White says, the council ruled that a borehole should be sunk in their land and that they had to apply for a grant for this to be done. It took the couple some time to talk this over and, after some months, they filled in the appropriate form and sent it off. They did not want to apply for the grant — they would have preferred the fence to be put around their water supply — but it seemed they had no other option.

Because the Whites had applied for a grant, the council inspected the property and decided that it was unfit and that it should either be rebuilt or pulled down. The Whites say part of the impression of dilapidation is caused by half-finished decoration. The couple have stripped all the walls and hacked off the plaster, intending to replaster, paper and paint, but have lacked the money to finish the work.

Mrs White says she has had two other surveyors report on the property; they say that the house is fit to live in. The house suffers from damp, two walls are bulging a little, and the roof needs re-slating, but their house is no worse than other local cottages, the Whites say.

Alan Benyon, West Somerset's environmental services officer, disagrees. "The cottage has no mains services, needs rebuilding and we would not give a grant for any of this work as it would be far too expensive," he says. The council has served a closure notice on the couple, ordering them to leave.

Mr Benyon says that he does not want to have to evict them but adds: "If we left them there and the worse happened — there was a fatal accident — we would be castigated. The council is in a no-win situation."

The council served the closure notice under the 1985 Housing Act. Now that the council has become aware of the condition of the Whites' house, it has a duty to protect the couple from their own living conditions. The council has offered to provide the couple with alternative accommodation.

Last Thursday, the couple signed a disclaimer removing any responsibility from the council on the undertaking they would look at (but not necessarily accept) any property the council offered them. Mr Benyon adds: "They should now be able to receive some grant money for the minor work it would take to sort out their water, while they remain there."

Eric and Fay White are adamant they will not move. "Just let them put a finger on the gate," Mrs White says. "We have no chance of making an appeal against the closure order, but we are not going to move."

Tony Blake, the head of Exmoor Park planning, says: "We would dearly love to see the cottage saved. Subject to agreement by our committee, we could offer £1,500, perhaps, to reroof it. But it needs much more spent on it than that."

The cottage, although it is remote, lies by a bridle path so is in a position to be appreciated by the general public. Mr Blake, who has seen the cottage, says he doubts whether it has been changed at all, apart from a minor addition, since the mid 19th century.

# Waiting in the foyer for a place to stay

## Designers have devised a human goldfish bowl to help young homeless people

If any couples who had visited the Ideal Homes Plus Exhibition, which has just ended in west London, wandered over to the Architecture Foundation in St James's, they would have been intrigued by a model of another type of ideal home on display. On show is a model of a large, rectangular building, due to be built in two years, on the site of what is now the Water Street car park, in central Birmingham.

The walls, internal and external, are made of glass. The residents will live in a human goldfish bowl. A passer-by will be able to look through a canopied restaurant into meeting rooms and a gym beyond. One side of the building, to be constructed on a bank, will be three storeys higher than the other. The 150 bedrooms, to be situated on seven floors, will offer views from outside-in and inside-out. Opaque screens will provide some privacy.

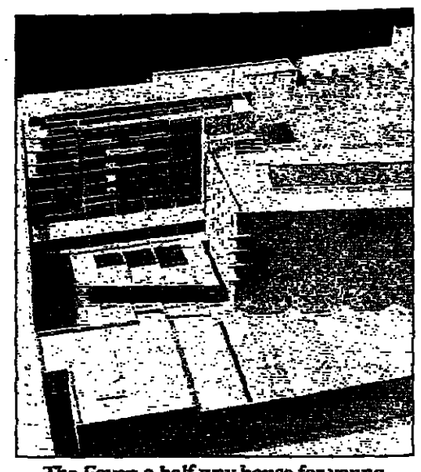
See-through walkways — run alongside the bedrooms. Kitchens lead from these "circulation" areas, but you would be foolish to think you could keep a midnight feast secret. Occupants can find true profound only in an enclosed area behind the showers adjoining each bedroom.

For the average "ideal home" lover, seeking a mock-Tudor house with just enough room to escape from the children when necessary, nothing, perhaps, could be worse. Yet this building — Britain's first ever "Foyer", from a French idea — is not so much "ideal" as an ideal — both socially and architecturally.

The aim of the place is to house young people between the age of 16 and 25 who are homeless, handicapped or halfway between dependence and independence: that is, either starting employment or seeking it.

The Foyer is the brainchild of Sheila McKechnie, the director of Shelter, the charity for homeless people, of which there are an estimated two million in the UK. To mark Shelter's 25th birthday, she wanted to build something more than an average boarding home. Ms McKechnie was inspired by the French idea of the foyer, which usually comprises a hostel and facilities for homeless young people, where they can mix socially and exchange ideas.

The Housing Corporation, the government-funded body for charitable housing organisations, agreed to donate £1 million to any housing association that could provide a site and suitable ideas to bring to fruition Ms McKechnie's scheme. The Shape Housing Association, based in Birmingham, won the competition for the corporation funding.



The Foyer: a half-way house for young homeless and handicapped people

In addition, the Architecture Foundation proposed an international challenge to all architects under 40 to come up with a suitable design. A spokesman says: "When the architectural competition was launched, a site had still not been found, so the ideas had to be entirely conceptual."

The winning architect, Ian Simpson, aged 37, who works in Manchester, has developed the idea of the foyer further than the French, who tend to think of their 450 institutions as glamorous hostels. Mr Simpson says: "Most of them have forbidding corridors and are generally unappealing. The actual meaning of 'foyer' is hearth. I wanted to build on this and create an environment which questioned the nature of the threshold between public and private space: which actively encouraged residents and non-residents to mix even when walking about."

Mr Simpson was the only architect among the 12 finalists to incorporate plans for the Snow Hill Centre — a residence for homeless men to the east of the Birmingham site — into his composition. "I did not see why they should be made to feel like second-class citizens just because they were in an old building," he says. "So I kept the Foyer far enough away to avoid destroying their light and views, and made plans to reverse the front and back of their building so that their entrance was closer to that of the Foyer."

Rent for the 100 or so residents of the £2.5 million Foyer is yet to be determined. "It has to be affordable", says Steve McGill, of Shape, now working on the construction with Mr Simpson, "because those working will be in their first jobs.

"Obviously, those who are receiving unemployment benefit will have their rent paid for them."

All the organisers are keen to point out, however, that the Foyer is not a dossers' paradise. Mr McGill says: "I would expect people to stay there for six to 18 months and not much longer. It will be for people who want to get on in the world."

Inevitably, there have been complaints from members of the public who cannot see what is wrong with the standard type of youth hostel. "Champagne socialists get side-tracked into the foyer," said one headline. Such critics forget that the Foyer is half-way between a rehabilitation centre and a university-type hall of residence. Mr Simpson says: "It is designed to restore self-belief in young people, who, for what ever reason, are homeless."

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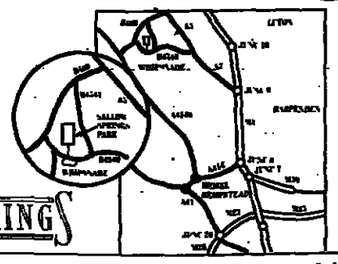
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## Damming of River Wolf has created tranquil reservoir with varied fishing



Anglers' haven: Nymph fishing in a quiet bay on Roadford Lake, which opens today. Many of the fish are congregated around the sunken hedgerows

# Rare opportunity to sample virgin waters

**Brian Clarke takes a close look at Devon's new man-made fishery which may have far-reaching implications for trout anglers**

The 730-acre Roadford Lake, which opens in Devon today, is likely to prove the most interesting — and perhaps the most important — extension to English trout fishing in years.

The lake has been stocked only with finger-length brown trout; it is to be managed largely as a catch-and-release fishery; and at present, at any rate, its peace is undisturbed by boats.

In other words, Roadford is to be run as a wholly natural fishery and those who have fully booked the lake today and over the next few days will have that rarest of angling opportunities: the chance to cast to brown trout as wild as makes no matter, in water that has never been fished before.

Roadford lies off the A30, six miles north east of Launceston. It was created by damming the River Wolf — itself a notable trout fishery — and it has been filling since 1989.

The reservoir already has the appearance of a natural lake and the topography has resulted in a huge and varied length of bank fishing: an area of just 1.2 square miles of water is so enfolded within the low, rounded hills, and leaches so far into the narrow, pleated valleys, that there is a shoreline of 13 miles, almost nine miles of it fishable.

Some 40,000 fingerlings have been stocked over the last three years and these have been supplemented by successful spawnings of native Wolf fish in the feeder streams.

Given the tiny size of the fish at stocking, the unknown natural wastage and the equally unknown recruitment from the wild brown trout, and Roadford opens with an unknown level of stock. What cannot be in doubt is the huge number of fish and the phenomenal growth that the fingerlings have made.

I was one of a handful of anglers invited to test-fish the lake during the last couple of weeks. I saw no fish taken under 1lb, only a couple under 1½lb and my own best fish, still lean from winter, weighed 3lb and would have made 4lb in a couple of months' time.

All of my fish were taken in the tightest elbows of the deepest bays, using a single, weighted nymph on a long leader from a floating line. All the fish came from close to, or from among, the branches of sunken hedgerows drowned when the land was flooded. Such places promote the growth of insect life and provide cover for fish lying close in. They are likely to remain hot-spots for years.

The fishing during my visit was steady, but not easy: in part because the weather was cold and squally; in part because brown trout are not nearly as daft as their rainbow cousins; and in part because I do not like using a sunken line, which almost certainly would have been more effective.

I returned all my fish. The rules allow up to four fish to be taken and any number of sizeable fish to be returned. The rules "request" anglers to use barbless hooks.

Barbs on hooks can cause unnecessary damage to fish that are to be returned; and yet provided the line is kept tight while the fish is being played, barbless hooks will hold fish just as well. I rarely use anything else.

Roadford's season will run from today until October 12. fishing is from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset and a full day's permit costs £12.50. Given the outlook for those who can get to the water early, the fishing is cheap at the price.

Anyone expecting a fish a cast, as often happens on a new rainbow trout fishery, is likely to be disappointed; but anyone approaching the water thoughtfully and willing to look for the fish, will not.

By May and June, when the water has warmed, fly life has improved and the fish have mended from winter, the fishing for the careful angler using small flies will be absorbing and productive.

Later in the year, the daytime fishing can be expected to slow as the margins overheat and the fish learn from experience — though even then the evening rises will provide sport fit for the connoisseur. As usual in September and October, the daytime fishing will improve as the big fish come in from the deeps to attack the fry and to seek out the spawning streams.

Thereafter, all is speculation, and developments — sporting, environmental, economic — will be watched as much by the management of Southwest Water, who built the lake, as they will by the fly-fishing community.

Only in light of catches and custom will sensible decisions be possible on future policy and pricing: on the size of fish to be used for any future brown trout stockings; on whether rainbow trout should be introduced, as well; on whether the principle of catch-and-release should be maintained or whether a fixed-bag limit should be introduced; on whether or not boats should be offered for hire.

The balance to be sought is one which provides an amenity at a cost acceptable to both parties. The approach chosen by Southwest Water will offer lessons to all the water companies — and to the trout-fishing community at large — over the next two or three years.

SPORT IN BRIEF

## Allcock finds form late for England

TONY Allcock found his touch at last on the bowling greens of South Africa, beating Neil Burkett for the first time in the third and final international match in Johannesburg yesterday (David Rhys Jones writes). England took the match on aggregate, but lost the series, 2-1.

Allcock, who won 25-13, stepped down as skip in the pairs and helped Andy Thomson notch up a 23-9 victory over Robbie Rayfield and Burkett, while John Bell skipped the England triple to a rare 21-12 loss. The English four suffered their first defeat of the tour, going down 16-14 to Kevin Campbell's South African quartet, while Frances Whyte's triple also tasted defeat for the first time, against Colleen Grondein's trio.

Scotland lost the deciding international 6-2 and went down 2-1 in the series. Joyce Lindores recorded Scotland's only victory, beating Anna Pretorius 25-17 in the singles, but was outplayed in the pairs with Sarah Gourlay.

## Peyron losing time

YACHTING: Bruno Peyron's attempt on the circumnavigation record ran into further trouble this week when his 80-ft catamaran, Commodore Explorer, hit two large sperm whales. Peyron said that his French multi-hull had suffered considerable damage but he was determined to continue. Yesterday, Peyron and his crew made only 120 miles, leaving them with 2,640 miles to cover in the next seven days if they are to reach Ushant within the 80-day target and pick up the prize of $1 million. Commodore Explorer's average speed for the first 72 days was 13.5 knots and she now needs to increase this by 1.5 knots for the final sprint. This is just possible if conditions are favourable and the port hull, which has a three-metre crack in it, can stand the strain.

## Sampras not extended

TENNIS: Pete Sampras, the new world No. 1, made light work of beating Stephane Simmian, of France, yesterday to reach the second round of the Hong Kong Open, in which he is seeded to meet Jim Courier, the man he deposed, in Sunday's final. Despite a stiff back, Sampras won through, 6-2, 6-4, and now plays David Prinosil, of Germany. Michael Chang also encountered few problems beating Jason Stoltenberg, an Australian qualifier, 6-3, 6-4, but the fourth seed, Amos Mansdorf, of Israel, was taken to a first-set tie-break before getting past Chris Pridham, of Canada, 7-6, 6-3. There were also wins in straight sets for two other seeded Americans, Brad Gilbert and David Wheaton. Gilbert, the No. 5 seed, beat Andrei Cherkasov, 6-2, 6-3, and Wheaton, seeded seven, overcame Xia Jia-Ping, 6-3, 6-1.

## McIntosh tour doubt

RUGBY UNION: Dale McIntosh, the Pontypridd back-row forward, is almost certain to miss Scotland's tour of Fiji, Tonga and Western Samoa next month after breaking his arm while playing for his club against Llanelli in the Swalec Cup 11 days ago. The New Zealand-born player, who has represented Scotland twice at B level, was told by his doctor that the fractured arm would be in plaster for up to five weeks and Scotland are due to leave for their tour on May 16. The injury happened just three months after McIntosh broke his thumb during the Scotland trial match at Murrayfield.

## Brehme dismissed

FOOTBALL: Real Zaragoza, the Spanish first division club, has dismissed Andreas Brehme, the German international full back, over a disagreement with the coach, Victor Fernandez. Brehme, who scored the winning goal in the 1990 World Cup final, walked out on the team before Sunday's league match against Tenerife after refusing to play out of position. The club's disciplinary committee, having listened to an appeal by Brehme, 32, decided to cancel his contract, which was due to expire next year. Brehme, who joined the club in September, has been in trouble before, particularly over frequent visits to Germany.

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O'Brien D A; O'Brien G E; O'Brien M; O'Brien W G; O'Dell M R; O'Dowd A; O'Hagan P E; O'Kelly J P S; O'Neill D; O'Neill P J; O'Reilly D P; O'Reilly P D; O'Sullivan A J; Oates J; Ogilvie J A; Ogulbe L M; Olabinri B; Old D J; Oliver J E; Ong Seng Lee S L; Onu O A; Oppenheim P A; Orchard S; Orphanou J; Orr J S; Orr K D; Osborne A W; Osborne S A; Oshinowo B O; Otley A P; Outtrim M N; Overton J; Owen D G; Owen K H; Owens P H

Pacey N J; Paddison R H; Pain M R A; Paine O P; Palmer D J; Pape M; Parcell-Jones T A C; Parish J; Park J; Parker E D; Parker K A; Parkes C S; Parkin S E; Parkinson J L; Parkinson T R; Parmar M; Parry A E; Parsons C; Parsons M L; Parsons N J; Partow P; Patel J L; Patterson R C; Pavitt A M; Payne J P; Peace D; Pearce I J; Pearson R J; Peckmore J T; Penketh C P N; Penso N G; Prera L G; Perret I T; Perrett S J W; Perrin A W; Perrott A F; Perry J C; Peters K S; Phayre-Mudge M A; Phelps S J; Phelps W J; Phillips A M; Phillips C D; Phillips G P; Phillips M A; Phillips M T; Phillips S A; Phillips S C; Phillips T A; Philp L M; Pickles G; Pickerspill A L; Picton-Jones R; Pierce R M; Pilkington A J; Pilkington R M; Pina Jorge F; Pinder J D; Pinder R J; Pink G R; Pissarro T C L; Pitcher M J; Plant A R; Platts J E; Plams S J; Player G C; Plumpton J P A; Pocock S R; Poole S; Poon Y T; Pope R H B; Port J R; Porter B G; Potter D E; Powell I T; Powell J W; Prati J; Prentice P J; Press J M; Preston D J; Preston J J W; Price A; Price M P; Prince J J; Prince M S; Prior M R; Prior-Jones E L; Pritchard G A; Procter A W; Proctor R J; Prosniewski M A; Proud P; Provis T R; Pryde D W; Pryor M P; Pullen M B; Purcell N A; Putter E K; Pye S J

Quarrell P D; Quiggin P E; Quilligotti B R; Quincey D J; Quinn M; Quinn M J

Radford G J; Ragg H C F; Rahman J; Rainsford H J; Ramsdale R J; Ramsden W J; Ramshaw J; Randall A K; Randall L M; Rasberry D M; Ratcliff M S; Rawcliffe C D; Rawlings A; Rayment D J; Rayner J A S J; Rea P; Read G C; Redding P A; Redfern H M; Redshaw M A; Reed N; Reed P G; Rees M J; Reeve J A; Reeve J H; Regan M J; Reid G C; Reid N S A; Reid-Thomas A M; Rhodes A; Richards S E; Richardson J R; Ridgway M A; Rikard-Bell L J; Riley R J; Ritchie M W; Rixon A G P; Rixon P A; Robb M S; Robbins N M; Roberton M T; Roberts A R; Roberts C T; Roberts D E; Roberts J P; Roberts K; Roberts P; Robertson A M; Robertson G A; Robertson I P; Robins G J A; Robinson J P; Robinson L M; Robinson M; Robinson P J; Robinson P S; Robinson S J; Robson A J; Robson G; Robson J G; Robson M D; Rochmankowski A J; Rodger R; Rogers G A; Rolle C; Ronnie B C; Roocroft M M; Rooth J C A; Roper P M; Rosenberg E S; Ross E; Ross J A; Ross J R W; Rossiter J F; Rothwell M J R; Rough J G; Roughley I P; Round P E; Rowden A M; Rozman B Y; Rubin V; Rudd A D; Rumbelow P H; Rumble A; Rumford T A; Rumney J H; Rushton M S; Russell A; Russell A S; Russell J H; Russell S M; Rustemeyer R D M; Rutherford I W; Rutherford S J; Rylance M P

Sales M J L; Salmon D J; Sandhu E S; Sarchet I D; Sat W I; Sathy R; Sayers D R; Scales P E; Scott J J R; Scott M L; Scott S M; Scoular G W N; Scrace A H; Scurlock G L; Seabrook R F; Sedgwick A J; Segal H B; Seiler P F E; Selway S A; Semple R E A; Senior J E; Sexton A W; Shadbolt S D; Shadwell J M; Sharp J T; Sharpe G A; Shaw A D; Shaw C; Shaw G M P; Shaw L M; Shaw R M; Sheard R N; Shears J D; Shedden L M; Sheddon W A; Sheehan E A; Shepherd A; Shepherd J D; Shepherd M V; Sheriker R M; Sherlock A P; Sherwood A M W; Shiel C C; Shrigley T E; Shuttleworth D J; Shuttleworth R B; Siddall P J; Siese P M B; Simmons M J; Simms P; Simpson E; Sims D; Sinclair D J; Sinfield M G; Singh S P; Singleton B D; Sivakumaran S T; Skelton N J T; Skevington H J; Slatcher A J; Slegg R A; Slocock P A; Smart J L; Smedley C J; Smith A H; Smith A T C; Smith C A; Smith D V; Smith G; Smith G A B S; Smith G P; Smith I M; Smith J E; Smith J P; Smith J W; Smith M A L; Smith M D; Smith M G; Smith N J; Smith N P; Smith P A; Smith P M; Smith R D; Smith R P; Smith R J; Smith R M; Smith S A; Smyth E P; Smyth I S; Snaith A J; Snook F A; Sobey A W; Solkhon B M; Solway C P; Somerville A J; Soon K F; Soult R W G; Southey P; Southgate A C; Southgate P J; Sowden P R; Soyebo F; Sparks E S; Spinnall A P; Spurrier A J; Stagg P S; Stainford A D; Stanley R J; Stannard J G; Stead G T; Steadman S I; Stenning D C J; Stephens R J I; Stevens C P; Stevens E C; Stevenson D A; Stevenson K B; Stewart A L; Stewart C M; Stewart D F W; Stewart G J Stewart G M; Stewart M S; Stimpson M J; Stoakes G I; Stokes S; Stoll C M; Stone-J M G; Stoyle T D; Strain B J; Straker C H; Straw A J; Straw C J; Street D J; Stritch C A; Stuart-Harris P C; Stubbs P J; Sturt C S; Suchland P E; Sugden M A; Sullivan R H; Summerfield M K; Sumner R C; Sunderland K L; Supple

Australian ready for fierce pace in NutraSweet London Marathon

# Ondieki has record and McColgan in her sights



**David Powell** looks at the woman determined to make her presence felt in a heavyweight confrontation



First lady: Ondieki celebrates winning the 1990 Commonwealth Games race

THE daughter of a moderately successful racehorse trainer and jockey, Lisa Ondieki, is entered for the annual flat classic on the streets of the capital this weekend, the NutraSweet London Marathon.

Emphasis on flat. Ondieki, winner in New York last time out, has taken the advice of Grete Waitz, twice a London winner. "I spoke to Grete in New York and said I wanted a flat course," Ondieki said. "She told me to go to London and not to Boston."

London is on Sunday, Boston on Monday and, with Rotterdam also on Sunday, three of the top races in the annual calendar are packed into two days. London has the best women's field and when David Bedford, the international race director, signed Ondieki to face Liz McColgan, he knew he was getting more than a double Commonwealth champion and Olympic silver medal-winner.

Ondieki came complete with poker to stoke the fires of publicity. Television viewing figures have dropped in three successive years and London needed a heavyweight match.

Of McColgan and Ondieki, Bedford said: "They are two athletes with developed egos." Ondieki, of Australia, was not impressed when, 17 months ago, McColgan said she would rewrite the slate of women's distance-running records. "Brash," the Australian called the Scot and Bedford, arrogant himself in his world record-breaking days, gleefully stirred the mix.

Ondieki is not exactly a model of diffidence. She hurries past the question of the threat posed by McColgan — "she has not done some of the things she was talking about" — but dwells on how quick she might run herself. She has been planning to run "considerably faster" than the 2hr 23min 51sec which ranks her fifth fastest all-time.

Ahead of her are Ingrid Kristiansen (2hr 21min 6sec), Joan Benoit (2hr 21min 21sec), Rosa Mota (2hr 23min 29sec) and Olga Markova (2hr 23min 43sec). "My time should be down where Ingrid and Joan have theirs and one reason I have chosen London is because it is a fast course and conditions should be good," Ondieki said. Kristiansen's world best, now eight years old, was set in London.

Ondieki had been favoured to win the Olympic Games gold medal last summer, dropped out at 16 miles but, 13 weeks later, ran 2hr 24min 40sec to win in New York.

"In effect, it was a personal best because I ran into a headwind for 20 miles and it was a difficult course," Ondieki said. What, then, had gone wrong at the Olympics? "I had a high white blood cell count. I hope that London will be the race I should have run in Barcelona."

In contrast to McColgan, Ondieki took the direct route to marathon running. She was a fair 400 metres hurdler (personal best, 60.2sec) but, after less than three years on the ladder of cross country and track racing, ran her first marathon at 22. McColgan has laboured long and hard at cross country and 10,000 metres and was 27 before making her marathon debut.

"I grew up around horses and racing and I always wanted to run and be in races," Ondieki, now 32, said. She is competitive to the core, tempestuous, temperamental and tough. "My brother said: 'Let's face it, Lisa, rationality is not your strong point'. I guess I get really highly-strung, but that is why I run so well. Sometimes I feel like a bomb about to explode."

In charge of controlling the explosion is Yobes Ondieki, her second husband and the 5,000 metres world champion, who has taken command of her training.

"I thought I was training hard, but he has made me do things I never thought I could do. Kenyans have a whole different work ethic. He makes no concession for me being female. One morning, I ran 20 miles at 7,000ft and thought I had the rest of the day off. Then he told me I was going to run some 400s. I went to the track all glum but found out I could do it."

Some years ago, Kristiansen said of Ondieki: "Lisa can't be serious about the marathon ... have you seen her nail polish?" To which she responds now: "I like wearing make-up and it doesn't slow me down."

It is said that her immaculate appearance and neat house are signals of her obsessive nature, but beating McColgan on Sunday would make the 140 miles a week she has been running an obsession justified.

**Full results of the NutraSweet London Marathon will be published exclusively next week in *The Times*. The race, which is the biggest marathon in the world with 34,000 entries, will be run on Sunday.**

# The Jogger to gain upper hand in competitive final

BY BRIAN BEEL

THE overnight withdrawal of Sheer Jest and Overheard from The Times Rising Stars final at Worcester today leaves the race wide open and may enable **THE JOGGER** to spring a surprise.

The course passed an unofficial inspection at noon yesterday and no further inspection is planned unless there is overnight rain. The going will be heavy and the last fence omitted.

The Jogger was beaten at Taunton on the run-in by **Gold Shot**, having been in the lead over the last four fences. At the finishing post, two-and-a-half lengths separated them with **Shamarphil** five lengths further behind.

As a result of this success Gold Shot lost his 7lb allowance and this should be enough to tip the scales in favour of The Jogger and also enable Shamarphil to go close.

Shamarphil has, in fact, finished in front of The Jogger this season. He was second to Elegant Bar in a restricted race at Haldon where The Jogger was six lengths behind in fourth place.

Although The Jogger comes from Cornwall, he met the North Yorkshire hope, **Many A Slip** at Ascot last year but fell. Before the mishap, he was going as well as Double Silk, the eventual winner, to whom he was giving 5lb. Many A Slip was beaten only a head and half-a-length into third place.

No runner will be better suited by the heavy going than Many A Slip but by winning at Sedgefield last Tuesday he has now to shoulder 12st 7lb and concede weight to his nine rivals. The conditions of the Sedgefield race were in his favour as he received 5lb from ***Red Under The Bed***. Runner-up by three lengths, Red Under The Bed should surely turn the tables on 12lb better terms, though he is untried on heavy ground.

While Overheard is a surprising absentee from Caroline Saunders's stable, she will still be represented by **Royal Day**. The heavy-ground specialist won a poorly-contested three-horse race at Towcester on Monday in similar conditions. He did not have a hard race that day, but has now lost the vital allowance which would have put him in with a live chance.

**Foxgrove** rallied well to come second at Ludlow in soft going last Wednesday, and should again hold **Tamar Lass**, who finished three-and-a-half lengths behind her. She had previously won a 19-runner confined race at Upton-on-Severn in comfortable style and cannot be ruled out.

**Frome Boy** had an easy victory on soft going two years ago, but has been rather disappointing since, although he was successful in two opens at the start of last season. Frome Boy finished fourth behind Alpha One in the Towcester qualifier, where **First Design** was pulled up.

In what is likely to be a closely-contested final, The Jogger is awarded the vote.

## WORCESTER LINE-UP

**4.00 TIMES RISING STARS HUNTER CHASE FINAL** SIS

(Amateurs: £7,002: 2m 7f) (10 runners)

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 4-1421 | MANY A SLIP (F,G,S) (J Cooper) T Walford 8-12-7 *(ch g Slippered - Aproion Lady) (Royal blue, red sash, white cap, red spots)* | N Wilson | 90 |
| 2 | P-1121 | GOLD SHOT (F,G) (R Mansell) P Bowen 7-12-0 *(ch g Hard Fought - Cartridge) (Black & white quarters, hooped sleeves, checked cap)* | T Jones | 85 |
| 3 | 0-11U2 | RED UNDER THE BED (F,G) (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 6-12-0 *(b g Cardinal Flower - Roman Flyer) (Yellow, royal blue hoops, yellow sleeves, emerald green cap)* | S Brisby | (9) |
| 4 | -42431 | ROYAL DAY (S) (R Russell) Miss C Saunders 7-12-0 *(ch g Deep Run - Lasy Perkins) (Gordon tartan, yellow sleeves & cap)* | R Russell | 80 |
| 5 | -P1P27 | FIRST DESIGN (S) (P Jones) P Jones 6-11-7 *(b g Rustingo - Designer) (Dark blue, yellow seams, striped sleeves, white cap)* | Miss T Spearing | – |
| 6 | 153-43 | FROME BOY (G,S) (Pearson, Chescoe & Drake Partnership) Mrs R Guilding 8-11-7 *(ch g New Member - Groundsel) (Emerald green & white check, halved sleeves)* | D Duggan | 71 |
| 7 | 3-3142 | THE JOGGER (G) (Miss S Jerrard) E Retter 8-11-7 *(br g Deep Run - Pollychant) (Emerald green & purple diamonds, emerald green sleeves & cap)* | G Lewis | 89 |
| 8 | 31-312 | FOXGROVE (G,F) (Mrs C Middleton) P Warner 7-11-2 *(b m Kinglet - Foxbury) (Black & red quarters, striped sleeves, red cap)* | T Richards | 97 |
| 9 | -FF423 | SHAMARPHIL (S) (Miss S Pitman) Miss S Pitman 7-11-2 *(br m Sunyboy - Cheffcombe) (White, emerald green hoop, armlets & spots on cap)* | R Mills | 84 |
| 10 | 3-3623 | TAMAR LASS (S) (D du Plessis) Miss J du Plessis 8-11-2 *(b m Shaab - La Jolie File) (Yellow, royal blue star, royal blue chevrons on sleeves, royal blue cap)* | D E Stephens | 90 |

☐ Form figures and racecard details include point-to-points

BETTING: 4-1 Gold Shot, 9-2 Red Under The Bed, 5-1 Many A Slip, Royal Day, 6-1 The Jogger, 8-1 Foxgrove, 10-1 Shamarphil, 16-1 Tamar Lass, 20-1 Frome Boy, 33-1 First Design.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

## Form guide to the ten contenders

### MANY A SLIP

Apr, 6 Sedgefield, good: (11-0) beat RED UNDER THE BED (11-5) 3l (3m 3f hunt ch, £1,576, 9 ran).

Mar 5, Kelso, good: (11-12) 15l 2nd to Davy Blake (11-5) (Times qual 3m 1f hunt ch, £1,829, 9 ran).

Feb 26, Haydock, good to firm: (11-11) 39l 4th to Radical Views (12-0) (3m hunt ch, £2,532, 12 ran).

### GOLD SHOT

Apr 1, Taunton, good to firm, (11-5) beat THE JOGGER (11-5) 2½l (Times qual 3m hunt ch, £2,092, 11 ran), with SHAMARPHIL (11-0) 5l 4th

March 23, Nottingham, firm: (11-5) 2½l 2nd to Sheer Jest (12-12) (Times qual 3m 110yd hunt ch, £1,779, 8 ran).

Mar 11, Lydstep, good to soft: (12-7) beat Fast Freeze (12-7) 15l (3m conf point-to-point, 6 ran).

### RED UNDER THE BED

Apr 6, Sedgefield: see MANY A SLIP.

Mar 6, Alnwick, good: (11-0) unseated rider in race won by Steele Justice (11-0) (3m ladies open point-to-point, 13 ran.)

Feb 23, Sedgefield, good to firm: (11-5) beat It's A Deal (11-5) 6l (Times qual 3m 3f hunt ch, £1,574, 3 ran).

### ROYAL DAY

Apr 12, Towcester, heavy: (11-4) beat Padrigal a distance (11-7) (2m 6f hunt ch, £2,540, 3 ran).

Mar 9, Leicester, good: (12-2) 37l 3rd to Ellerton Hill (12-2) (2m 4f 110yd mdn hunt ch 16 ran).

Feb 24, Warwick, good: (11-4) 19l 4th to Random Place (11-2) (3m 2f hunt ch, £1,255, 11 ran).

### FIRST DESIGN

Mar 27, Mollington, good: (12-0) 20l 7th to Causeway Cruiser (12-0) (3m rest point-to-point, 14 ran).

Mar 11, Lydstep, good to soft: (12-0) distance 2nd to Cool Relation (12-7) (3m rest point-to-point, 13 ran).

Feb 16, Towcester: See FROME BOY.

### FROME BOY

Mar 27, Siddington, good to firm: (12-7) 5½l 3rd to Easter Frolic (12-7) (3m open point-to-point, 6 ran).

Feb 16, Towcester, soft: (11-5) 17l 4th to Alpha One (11-9), with FIRST DESIGN (11-5) pulled up (Times qual 3m 1f hunt ch, £1,952, 11 ran).

### THE JOGGER

Apr 1, Taunton: See GOLD SHOT.

Mar 13, Haldon see SHAMARPHIL.

Mar 6 Great Trethew, good: (12-0) beat Derrywood 1l (12-0) (3m mdn point-to-point, 15 ran)

### FOXGROVE

Apr 7, Ludlow, soft: (11-4) 8l 2nd to Overheard (11-9) (Times qual 3m hunt ch, £1,924, 9 ran).

Mar 13, Upton On Severn, good to firm: (11-9) beat 5l Wildnite (12-3) (3m conf point-to-point, 19 ran).

Feb 27 Newtown, good: (12-0) 3l 3rd to Pont De Paix (12-0) (3m rest point-to-point, 18 ran).

### SHAMARPHIL

Apr 1, Taunton: See GOLD SHOT.

March 13, Haldon, good: (11-9) 6l 2nd to Elegant Bar (11-9), with THE JOGGER 12l 4th (3m rest point-to-point, 12 ran).

March 6, Clyst St Mary, good to firm. (12-2) 4th to Majestic Spider (12-2) 8½l (3m rest point-to-point, 14 ran).

### TAMAR LASS

Apr 7, Ludlow, soft: (11-0) 11½l 3rd to Overheard (11-9) (Times qual 3m hunt ch, £1,924, 9 ran).

Mar 8, Great Trethew, good: (11-9) 1l 2nd to Prince Solomon (12-0) (3m int point-to-point, 10 ran).

Feb 27 Lemalla, soft: (11-9) 6th to Tranquil Waters (12-0) 15l (3m conf point-to-point, 19 ran).

## RESULTS FROM 19 POINT-TO-POINT MEETINGS

EAST KENT (Aldington): Hunt: 1, Prince Zeus (Mrs K Hills, 4-5 fav); 2, Princess Tria; only 2 finished. 4 ran. Rest: 1, Clover Coin (Mrs J Parris, 8-1); 2, John Paul; 3, Alsdan. 13 ran. B M W Confined: 1, Crossing The Styx (Miss A Embiricos, Evens fav); 2, Dipped In Clover; 3, Which Way Now. 9 ran. Ladies: 1, Cock-Of-The-Rock (Miss L Smith, 5-2); 2, Smart Work; 3, Mantella. 9 ran. Open: 1, Namoos (T McCarthy, 4-1); 2, Tryumphant Lad; 3, Welshman's Gully. 9 ran. Mdn: 1, Salvager (J Poulton, 8-1); 2, Le Moulin; 3, Wendy Jane. 16 ran.

EGGESFORD (Bishopsleigh): Hunt: 1, Bargain And Sale (I Dowrick, 10-11 fav); 2, Rowenta; only 2 finished. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Khattaf (Miss J Cumings, 1-8 fav); 2, Seasonal Spirit; only 2 finished. 3 ran. Confined: 1, Happy News (Miss P Nicholas, 3-1); 2, Chatsby; 3, Cart Lane. 7 ran. Rest: 1, Share-Out (R White, 2-1); finished alone. 4 ran. Open: 1, Celtic Sport (R White, 7-4); 2, Nearly Splendid; 3, Ramsdell. 6 ran. Mdn: 1, Elver Panto (I Widdicombe, 5-4 fav); 2, Stainless Steel, only 2 finished. 6 ran.

ESSEX FARMERS & UNION (Marks Tey): Hunt: 1, Run Token (J Waterson, 7-4 fav); 2, Copper Dynamo; 3, O Catina. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Melton Park (N Bloom, 2-5 fav); 2, Roars Of Applause; 3, Dicey Time. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Mountain Crash (Miss G Chown, 1-4 fav), 2, Once Upon A Dream; only 2 finished. 5 ran. Open: 1, Bigsun (P Harding-Jones, 4-9 fav); 2, Unknown Martyr. 3, Peach Leaf. 6 ran Rest: 1, Four Eights (G Cooper, 4-1); 2, Blue Beat; 3, Hyperwash. 11 ran. Mdn I. 1, Dionigi (S March, 6-4 fav); 2, Mount Patrick; 3, Squeeze Me. 8 ran. Mdn (Div II): 1, Nether Goblons (N Macfarlane, 5-1); 2, Druid's Lodge, 3, Donegulle. 5 ran.

SOUTH SHROPSHIRE (Eyton-On-Severn): Hunt: 1, Soldiers Duty (W Bryan, 1-2 fav); 2, Mickley Secretlow; only 2 finished. 9 ran. Open: 1, Nodforms Dilemma (J Barlow, 5-2); 2, Fibreguide Tech; 3, Pepys. 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Back In Business (Miss H McCaull, 7-4); 2, Fly For Us; 3, Reed. 12 ran. Intermediate: 1, Pont de Paix (C Barlow, 2-1 Jt-fav), 2, Ah-Rule. 3, Sheen Deas. 14 ran Confined: 1, Vague Influence (D Barlow, 5-1); 2, Call Me Citizen; 3, Rhu Na Havan. 6 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Hayble (R Williams, 4-1); 2, Spring Corn; 3, Florencebray. 17 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Twelth Man (J Barlow, 2-1 Jt fav); 2, Balinbrook Boy; 3, African Minstrel. 18 ran.

STAINTONDALE (Charm Park): Confined: 1, Iveagh Lad (N Tutty, 4-1); 2, Par Kelly; 3, Army's Mystery 8 ran. Rest: 1, Preset (S Whitaker, 1-2 fav), 2, Marlowwous; 3, G Darsh. 9 ran. Ladies 1, Waltingo (Miss R Clark, 6-4); 2, Colonel Popsid; 3, Smart Performer. 5 ran. Hunt: 1, Solstitial Song (Miss A Armitage, 6-4); finished alone. 3 ran. Open: 1, Goner House (C Mulhall, 4-1); 2, Oxford Place; 3, John Corbet. 3 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Hurry Glen (Miss S Hunter, 5-1); 2, Carole's Delight; 3, Midge. 14 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Thompson Flyer (Mrs F Needham, 33-1); 2, Brabmer Rambler; 3, Earl Gray. 12 ran.

TAUNTON VALE (Kingston St Mary): Hunt: 1, Columbique (S Slade, 5-2); 2, Enchanting River; 3, Strands Of Gold 6 ran. Confined: 1, Impy Condor (R Atkinson, 6-4 fav); 2, Bitofadifference, 3, Clandon Jack. 11 ran. Mixed Open. 1, Thrales (Miss P Curling, Evens fav), 2, Music Minstrel; 3, Ragtime Solo. 8 ran Rest. 1, New Ghost (S Mulcare, 4-1), 2, Happy Padre; 3, Buckoak. 13 ran. Intermediate: 1, Ryming Cupid (Miss S Vickery, 1-3 fav); 2, Day By Day; 3, Ivo. 6 ran. Mdn: 1, West Quay (H Rowsell, 10-1); 2, Gladys Emmanuel; 3, Seals Rock 15 ran.

VINE & CRAVEN (Hackwood Park): Hunt: 1, Lordy Boy (N Sutton, 5-4 fav); 2, Bantel Buccaneer; only 2 finished 3 ran. BFSS Novice Riders. 1, Private performance (Miss L Parrott, 5-1); 2, Oanik; 3, Clearing Up. 6 ran. Mixed Open: 1, New Game (Miss T Cave, 3-1), 2, Sheer Steel; 3, Last Extravagance. 6 ran. Mdn. 1, Rarely At Odds (T Smith, 7-2), 2, Hale's Melody; 3, Palaman. 9 ran. Confined: 1, Forest Ranger (R McGrath, 2-5 fav); 2, See You There; 3, Eternal Credit 5 ran. Intermediate: 1, Highland Son (G Maundrell, Evens fav); 2, Retfolds, 3, Belly Pine. 6 ran.

## FOR THE RECORD

### FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Asian zone qualifiers: First round: Group F: United Arab Emirates 1, Thailand 0, Bangladesh 1, Sri Lanka 0.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Rio de Janeiro championship: First stage: Botafogo 1, America/Tres Rios 0

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: San Lorenzo de Almagro 2, Estudiantes de La Plata 2.

Late results from Monday

FA PREMIER LEAGUE: Blackburn 2, Ipswich 1

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Third division: Hereford 1, Carlisle 0.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 1, VS Rugby 0; Dorchester 2, Waterlooville 3; Halesowen 3, Worcester 2; Hednesford 5, Moor Green 1. Postponed: Burton v Corby.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Dulwich 1, Bromley 1. First division: Croydon 2, Tooting and Mitcham 1

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow 0, Morecambe 3

### BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco Giants 4, Florida Marlins 3; Philadelphia Phillies 5, Cincinnati Reds 4; Chicago Cubs 5, Atlanta Braves 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 4, San Diego Padres 2. Postponed: Colorado Rockies v New York Mets

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 4, Kansas City Royals 1; California Angels 12, Milwaukee Brewers 5; Minnesota Twins 3, Chicago White Sox 2; Texas Rangers 6, Baltimore Orioles 3. Postponed: Boston Red Sox v Cleveland Indians.

### BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Chicago Bulls 98, Detroit Pistons 85; Los Angeles Clippers 111, Phoenix Suns 104; Miami Heat 106, Milwaukee Bucks 95; Utah Jazz 107, Dallas Mavericks 94; Charlotte Hornets 120, Philadelphia 76ers; 101 Denver Nuggets 107, Golden State Warriors 96.

### BOWLS

JOHANNESBURG: Outdoor international match: Men: South Africa 4, England 4 (England won 74-59 on aggregate) (South Africa names first). Singles: N Burkett 13, T Allcock 25. Pairs: R Rayfield and Burkett 9, Allcock and A E Thomson 23. Triples: South Africa (K Campbell) 21, England (J Bell) 12. Fours: South Africa (Campbell) 16, England (Bell) 14. South win three-match series 2-1.

JOHANNESBURG: Outdoor international match: Women: South Africa 6pts, Scotland 2pts. (South Africa names first) Singles: A Pretorius 17, Lindores 25. Pairs: E Barraud and H Bekker 33, S Gourlay and Lindores 13. Triples: South Africa (C Grondaan) 13, Scotland (F Whyte) 12. Fours: South Africa (Grondaan) 24, Scotland (Whyte) 19. South Africa win three-match series 2-1.

HARTLEPOOL: Newcastle Breweries International Masters: Quarter-finals: T Bousfield and J Lambert bt R Richardson and S Lant, 9-5; S Espie and C Craig bt D Harding and J Greenslade, 11-10; J Brown and F Smith bt G Smyth and S Halmal 14-13; D Ramsdale and D Joyce bt T Kempster and C Palmer, 15-7. Semi-finals: Bousfield and Lambert bt Brown and Smith, 16-6, Espie and Craig bt Ramsdale and Joyce, 17-10. Final: Espie and Craig bt Bousfield and Lambert 13-9

LLANDRINDOD WELLS: Welsh Ladies Indoor Bowling Association Champion of Champions: Singles: First round: A Davies (Bro Ddyfi) w/o B Morgan (Radnorshire) scr. R Jones (Welsh Champion) bt P Skinner (Torfaen), 7-2, 7-5; J Davies (Ogwr) bt M Tanner (Rhondda), 7-1, 7-3; S Oliver (Llanelli) bt G Southcombe, (Taff Ely) 7-2, 3-7, 7-3, J Willis (Swansea) B Wilson (Pembrokeshire), 7-5, 1-7, 7-0; M Jones (Cardiff) bt I Williams (Carlswood), 7-1, 7-5; B Thomas (Challenge Trophy winner) bt M Gower (Port Talbot), 7-4, 7-4; S Froud (Vale of Glamorgan) bt B Lambert (Merthyr Tydfil), 7-1, 7-4. Quarter-finals: R Jones bt A Davies, 7-6, 3-7, 7-3, J Davies bt S Oliver, 7-2, 6-7, 7-1, M Jones bt J Willis, 7-1, 7-1; B Thomas bt S Froud, 3-7, 7-2, 7-2. Semi-finals: R Jones bt J Davies, 7-5, 3-7, 7-2; B Thomas bt M Jones, 7-1, 7-1 Final: B Thomas bt R Jones, 7-0, 7-4, 3-7, 7-1.

### CYCLING

GIRVAN INTERNATIONAL THREE-DAY RACE: Fourth stage (78 miles): 1, N Hoben (Nelson-Tivoli), 3hr 10min 47sec; 2, C Lillywhite (Banana), same time; 3, G Coltman (Raleigh), same time. Overall: 1, K Reynolds (Banana), 10hr 13min 40sec; 2, J Walshaw (North Wirral Velo), at 1min 05sec; 3, P Calsky (Ire), at 1min 16sec.

TOUR OF ULSTER: Fifth stage: 1, P Gates (Fuel Services), 59min 50sec; 2, C McCann (Phoenix), 56.50; 3, P Moglynn (VC Vatesse), at 52 sec. Overall: 1, P Stone (Devlin), 9hr 18min 14sec; 2, B Graham (Devlin), at 4sec; 3, I Chivers (Fuel Services), at 10sec; 4, A Roche (Isle of Man), at 18sec; 5, C McCann (Phoenix), at 2min 48sec.

### HOCKEY

Pizza Express London League
Premier division: Final table

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bromley | 22 | 18 | 1 | 3 | 65 | 23 | 55 |
| Reading | 22 | 13 | 6 | 3 | 44 | 17 | 45 |
| Southgate | 22 | 13 | 0 | 9 | 35 | 30 | 39 |
| Teddington | 22 | 10 | 8 | 4 | 40 | 18 | 38 |
| St Albans | 22 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 50 | 30 | 38 |
| Surbiton | 22 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 40 | 34 | 38 |
| O Loughtonians | 22 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 31 | 33 | 32 |
| Richmond | 22 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 32 | 38 | 24 |
| Hounslow | 22 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 27 | 45 | 23 |
| Wimbledon | 22 | 4 | 4 | 14 | 19 | 50 | 16 |
| Hampstead W | 22 | 4 | 3 | 15 | 9 | 41 | 15 |
| O Kingstonians | 22 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 20 | 54 | 8 |

### ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Washington Capitals 3, Montreal Canadiens 2 (OT); Philadelphia Flyers 1, New York Rangers 0.

### MOTOR RALLYING

KENYA SAFARI RALLY: Final positions: 1, J Kankkunen (Fin), Toyota Celica 4WD, 3hr 54mn; 2, M Alen (Fin), Toyota Celica 4WD, 4.03; 3, I Duncan (Kenya), Toyota Celica 4WD, 5:24; 4, Yasuhiro Iwase (Japan), Toyota Celica 4WD, 5:35; 5, G Jack (Kenya), Daihatsu Charade, 7:44; 6, A Patni (Kenya), Daihatsu Charade, 8:39. Leading world championship standings after four events: 1, Kankkunen, 43pts; 2, F Delecour (Fr), 35; 3, M Biasion (It), 27. 7, C McRae (GB), 16

### MOTOR SPORT

OULTON PARK: British Formula Two Championship: First round: 1, P Adams (Bel), Reynard, 36min 23.41sec (114.38mph). 2, E Bertaggia (It), Reynard, at 35.02sec; 3, S Gregoire (Fr), Reynard, at 1min 24.40sec; 4, D Chappel (GB), Reynard, 1 lap behind; 5, F Mardoci (It), 1 lap behind; 6, N Smith (GB), Reynard, at 1 lap. GULF OIL RAC HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP: Shell, Loton Park: 1, R Lane (Pilbeam), 57.73sec; 2, D Grace (same), at 0.08 sec; 3, J Robinson (Pilbeam), at 0.13sec.

### SKIING

AONACH MOR: Scottish Senior slalom championship: 1, G Bell (GB), 1min 48.69sec; 2, V Pavlek (Croatia), 1:48.18; 3, G Rudd (GB) 1.50.70; 4, R Hughes (GBR), 1:53.42; 5, G Gunn (GB), 1:53.79; 6, G Lawson-Johnston (GB), 1:54.23.

### SNOOKER

EUROPEAN LEAGUE: J Wattana (Thai) drew with P Ebdon (Eng), 4-4, S Davis (Eng) drew with R O'Sullivan (Eng), 4-4.

### SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Kings Lynn 36, Bradford 42 (abandoned after 13 heats), result stands; Wolverhampton 53, Belle Vue 44; Reading 51, Arena Essex 57.

### SQUASH

LAMBS CLUB: Hi-Tec British Open Championship: Second qualifying round: Men: Z Jahan (Pak) bt C Rowland (Aus), 9-7, 9-1, 9-5; P Lord (Eng) bt F Khan (HK), 10-8, 9-4, 9-4; S Frenz (Ger) bt S Butt (Can), 9-3, 9-4, 9-0; T Garner (Eng) bt R Graham (Eng), 9-3, 9-2, 8-10, 9-6; C Van der Wath (SA) bt P Gregory (Eng), 8-9, 2-9, 9-3, 9-5, 9-3; J Ransome (Eng) bt D Walker (Eng), 9-5, 9-5, 9-2; P Johnson (Eng) bt A Schreiber (Aus), 9-7, 9-0, 9-5; M Z Gul (Pak) bt C Wagnick (SA), 9-6, 9-3, 7-9, 9-2.

Women: E Donaldson (Scot) bt M Grewal (India), 9-1, 9-3, 9-7; S Cawdry (SA) bt A Wray (Eng), 9-7, 9-6, 9-0; E Pierce (US) bt C Vezin (Fr), 9-6, 10-8, 9-7; R Cooper (Aus) bt C Castels (Fr), 9-1, 9-3, 9-0; S Speacey (Eng) bt B Bellmap (US), 10-8, 9-1, 9-1; A McArdle (Ire) bt S Suck (Ger), 9-3, 10-8, 9-5; S Mache (Eng) bt S Felton (Eng), 9-5, 3-9, 9-2, 9-0; D Vardy (Eng) bt S Korell (Ger), 9-1, 9-3, 9-1.

### TENNIS

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina: US Men's Clay Court Championships: First round: T Martin (US) bt C Dosedel (Cz Rep), 6-3, 6-2; J Anas (US) bt D Perez (Ur), 6-2, 6-2. N Pereira (Ven) bt M A Gorriz (Sp), 6-3, 6-4; C Saceanu (Ger) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 6-3, 6-4; M Pernfors (Swe) bt M Strelba (Cz Rep), 7-5, 6-0; J Yzaga (Peru) bt S Cortes (Chile), 6-2, 6-2; H de la Pena (Arg) bt J Tarango (US), 7-6, 6-1; J Eltingh (Hol) bt R Acar (Arg), 6-3, 8-2; M Joyce (US) bt T Wilkison (US), 6-1, 6-4; C Mezzadri (Switz) bt A Gomez (Ec), 6-3, 7-5.

HONG KONG OPEN: First round: P Sampras (US) bt S Sirnian (Fr), 6-2, 6-4; M Chang (US) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus), 6-3, 6-4, A Mansdorf (Isr) bt C Pridham (Can), 7-6, 6-3; B Gilbert (US) bt A Cherkasov (Russ), 6-2, 6-3; D Wheaton (US) bt Xie Jia-Ping (China), 6-3, 6-1; T Woodbridge (Aus) bt P Kuhnen (Ger), 6-0, 1-6, 6-1; K Carlsen (Den) bt A Cheng (Can), 6-4, 6-2; A O'Brien (US) bt S Stolle (Aus), 7-6, 5-7, 6-4; D Prinosil (Ger) bt J Morgan (Aus), 6-4, 6-3.

NICE, France: Men's open tournament: First round: G Markus (Arg) bt B Karbacher (Ger), 6-2, 6-2; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt G Pripic (Cro), 6-2, 7-5; M Goellner (Ger) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 3-6, 6-2, 6-1; F Davin (Arg) bt M Vajda (Slo), 6-4, 6-0; D Dier (Ger) bt F Roig (Sp), 6-4, 6-3, R Furlan (It) bt M Filippini (Uru), 6-1, 6-3; P Korda (Cz Rep) bt H Lecontie (Fr), 6-4, 6-4, F Santoro (Fr) bt A Kratzken (US), 6-4, 6-4, I Landi (US) bt C Pioline (Fr), 6-4, 6-4, G Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt B Wuyts (Bel), 4-6, 7-5, 6-1; J Sanchez (Sp) bt M Rosset (Switz), 2-6, 7-6, 6-4.

MIDLAND BANK JUNIOR COUNTY CUP: Boys: Group one (Bournemouth): Middlesex 8, Kent 1; Hertfordshire 5, Lincolnshire 4. Group two (Hatfield): Essex 7, Hampshire and IoW 2; Buckinghamshire 5, Lancashire 4; Cheshire 7, Dorset 2; Surrey 7, Yorkshire 2. Group three (Nottingham): Warwickshire 8, West of Scotland 1; Avon 6, Sussex 3, Leicestershire 8, Somerset 1; Notts 7, South Wales 2. Group four (Stourbridge): Derbyshire 9, Norfolk 0; Durham and Cleveland 9, Northamptonshire 0; Hereford and Worcester 8, Staffordshire 1; North Scotland 9, Cambridgeshire 0. Group five (Boston): Berkshire 6, Cornwall 3; Northumberland 5, Devon 4; Oxfordshire 5, Wiltshire 4; Bedfordshire 7, Gloucestershire 2. Group six (Glasgow): Channel Islands 5, East of Scotland 4; North Wales 9, IOM 0; Shropshire 7, Cumbria 2; Suffolk 9, South of Scotland 0.

Girls: Group one (Bournemouth): Sussex 6, Surrey 3; Cheshire 9, Hertfordshire 0. Group two (Leicester): Essex 6, Lancashire 3; Dorset 7, Buckinghamshire 2; Leicestershire 6, Middlesex 3. Group three (Cardiff): Hampshire and IOW 7, Gloucestershire 2; Kent 5, Oxfordshire 4. Group four (Solihull): Warwickshire 7, Norfolk 2; Durham and Cleveland 5, Wiltshire 4; Devon 7, West of Scotland 2; North of Scotland 8, Northamptonshire 1. Group five (Bristol): Somerset 9, Cumbria 0; Bedfordshire 7, Lincolnshire 2, Berkshire 6, Avon 3; Hereford and Worcester 9, Northumberland 0. Group six (Sheffield): East of Scotland 6, South of Scotland 1; Cornwall 6, Staffordshire 1; Suffolk 7, Channel Islands 1, Shropshire 7, Isle of Man 0.

### WINDSURFING

MARAZION, CORNWALL: British Association National Championships: 1, J Anderson (Simmer and AHD); 2, A Baker (Rushwind and Mistral), 3, G Cribb (Fanatic and Art). Youth: 1, N Keeling (Sailworks and Fanatic).

Women: 1, P Tyler (North and Fanatic).

### YACHTING

LA LAVANDOU, France: International 505 European Cup: First round: 1, I Barker and T Hancock (GB), 11.4 points; 2, J Schonherr and M Poulsen (Den), 27.4; 3, I Pinnell and M Darling (GB), 37; 4, R Boardman and J Stowell (GB), 39.4; 5, M Upton-Brown and N Vooght (GB), 39. 6, P Bolte and J Muzelec (Fr), 39

### AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Collingwood 21.13 (139) bt Essendon 16.13 (109), Carlton 18.16 (112) bt Hawthorn 16.14 (110); North Melbourne 15.18 (108) bt Geelong 13.6 (84).

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

### FOOTBALL

**FA Premier League**

Norwich v Leeds (7.45)

**Barclays League**

**First division**

Leicester v Millwall (7.45)
Southend v Bristol Rovers (7.45)

**Second division**

Brighton v Hull (7.45)

**GM Vauxhall Conference**

Boston v Kettering
Merthyr v Farnborough
Witton v Bath

**Scottish League**

**Premier division**

Hearts v Rangers

**First division**

Meadowbank v Kilmarnock

SEMI-PROFESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL: England v Finland U-21 (at Woking).

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Sutton v Chesham. First division: Billericay v Abingdon Town.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Horwich v Bishop Auckland, Winsford v Barrow. First division: Gretna v Workington, Warrington v Knowsley. First division cup: Semi-final: Second leg: Great Harwood v Bridlington.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Consett v Durham, Murton v Billingham Synthonia.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Newport AFC v Gresley, RC Warwick v Nuneaton Borough.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Bolton v Sunderland (7.0), Leeds v Manchester City (7.0), Newcastle v Barnsley (7.0), Nottingham Forest v Liverpool (7.0); Rotherham v Sheffield United (7.0). Second division: Blackpool v Oldham (7.0), Burnley v York (7.15); Grimsby v Bradford (7.0), Mansfield v Huddersfield (7.0); Port Vale v Derby (7.0), West Brom v Middlesbrough (7.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City v Arsenal, Fulham v Crystal Palace (2.00); Ipswich v Charlton, Oxford v Millwall; Southampton v Luton. Second division: Birmingham v Cardiff (2.00), Cheltenham v Bournemouth, Exeter v Yeovil (7.0

# Piggott conjures magical display on Niche in Nell Gwyn


IAN STEWART

Master at work: Lester Piggott dictating the pace as Niche storms to a notable victory at Newmarket yesterday

# Sayyedati defeat opens up Guineas

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

SAYYEDATI yesterday suffered the same fate as Zafonic to leave the betting for both Guineas in disarray.

The latest classic bubble was burst by Lester Piggott as he rode a masterful waiting race from the front on Niche to take the Nell Gwyn Stakes quite comfortably.

In a muddling race whose form could prove misleading, everyone — Piggott included — was certain the front-running Niche would be swallowed up by Sayyedati as she was produced by Walter Swinburn to challenge two furlongs out. Just when it looked as the winter ante-post favourite for the 1,000 Guineas would justify her market position she failed to find her customary acceleration and Piggott had suddenly won his fifth Nell Gwyn, almost by default.

Zarani Sidi Anna, having only her second race, finished strongly in the final furlong to snatch second place, one-and-a-half lengths behind Niche, and a short head in front on Sayyedati.

Swinburn was as mystified as everyone by the failure of Sayyedati. "I thought two furlongs out it was just a question of how far? It was almost as though she didn't stay, but that cannot be right because she won over seven furlongs in soft ground last year. Obviously, I am disappointed but she didn't have a hard race and it is not the end of the world."

Niche, whose grandmother Hiding Place won the race in 1966, failed to receive the plaudits she deserved last season because of the achievements of her remarkable stable companion, Lyric Fantasy. The Norfolk and Lowther Stakes winner has hardly grown an inch over the winter and barely touches 15 hands, but she is tough as teak. To counter a slightly nervous disposition, Richard Hannon recently sought the help of a local farmer and asked for a barren ewe to keep Niche company in her stable. The sheep calmed the horse's nerves, despite the unexpected birth of two lambs — and Piggott did the rest.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: YOUNG SENOR
(3.05 Newmarket)

Next best: Will Of Steel
(2.35 Newmarket)

Piggott, aged 57 and winner of 30 classics, reflected afterwards: "She ran a terrific race. She was in the front rank all the way. The favourite looked as though she would beat me but my filly pulled out a bit more."

Hannon has worked Niche and Lyric Fantasy together at home but without asking any serious questions. The champion trainer prefers to run them behind colts to teach them to settle, and he is convinced Lyric Fantasy will stay a mile.

Elizabeth Bay, an unlucky second in the Prix Imprudence last week, was promoted as the new 7-2 favourite for the 1,000 Guineas by the bookmakers, while Sayyedati is a best-priced 4-1. Niche, bred and owned by Lord Carnarvon, the Queen's racing manager, is 7-1.

Zarani Sidi Anna looks the most interesting runner with the first of the fillies' classics in mind. The 10-1 offered by William Hill after the race did not last long and Michael Stoute believes his Danzig filly will improve between now and April 29.

The most eye-catching performance on the opening day of the Craven meeeting belonged to Commander In Chief, who opened Henry Cecil's tally for the season with a long-looking six-length success in the well-contested Museum Maiden Stakes.

The 16-1 quote from Ladbrokes for the Derby might be stretching matters a little (Corals go a more realistic 25-1) but the well-entered son of Dancing Brave looks assured of further success.

## WORCESTER

THUNDERER

2.30 Old Bridge. 3.00 Dr Rocket. 3.30 Fierce. 4.00 Red Under The Bed. 4.30 Unex-Plained. 5.00 New York Boy. 5.30 Cruise Along.

Brian Beel: 4.00 The Jogger.

Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 RED UNDER THE BED.

GOING: HEAVY — SIS

**2.30 MUSKET NOVICES HURDLE** (£1,480: 2m) (11 runners)

1 61 SOUTHEAST 4 (D,S) J Old 4-11-3 — T Grantham
2 2334 SUEZ CANAL 22 (D,S) F Jordan 4-11-3 — J Lodder
3 CIRCUIT COURT 59BF J Jenkins 5-11-2 — R Dunwoody
4 23P OLD BRIDGE 39 (BF) A Tunnell 5-11-2 — S McNeill
5 0- GREETOWN SARAH 386 W Mann 5-10-11 — S Hodgson
6 6324 KEV'S LASS 80 F Murphy 5-10-11 — A Maguire
7 P ALL TALK NO ACTION 7 B Curley 4-10-10 — D Murphy
8 GLASGOW 133F G Jones 4-10-10 — H Davies
9 0P RAMPAL 134 D Wintle 4-10-10 — P McDermott
10 PP REACH ME MOT 7 Mrs N Sharpe 4-10-5 — M Bosley
11 ROYAL GLINT 190F H Haynes 4-10-5 — A Tory

9-4 Old Bridge, 7-2 Kev's Lass, 4-1 All Talk No Action, 6-1 Southeast, 20-1 others.

**3.00 CROMWELL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE** (£2,259: 2m) (4)

1 P145 PRIVATE AUDITION 27 (D,F,6) F Murphy 11-12-0 — B Murphy
2 41F1 DR ROCKET 4 (D,F,6,S) R Dickin 8-11-9 (7ex) — D Meredith
3 41SP OLIVESTON 4 (CD,BF,F,6,S) P Nicholls 9-11-6 — R Greene
4 13RV ANDY BOY 718 (D,F) T Casey 9-10-0 — J McCarthy

11-10 Dr Rocket, 5-2 Oliveston, 100-30 Private Audition, 8-1 Andy Boy.

**3.30 COMMANDERY HANDICAP HURDLE** (£2,385: 2m 2f) (3)

1 1431 FIERCE 18 (V,F,S) J Jenkins 5-11-10 — R Dunwoody
2 4031 SAILOR BLUE 25 (B,F) A Tunnell 6-11-7 — L Harvey
3 P61V LING 719 R Frost 8-11-0 — J Frost

Evens Fierce, Sailor Blue, 12-1 Ling.

**4.00 TIMES RISING STARS HUNTER CHASE FINAL** (Amateurs: £7,002: 2m 7f) (10)

FOR RUNNERS & RIDERS SEE FACING PAGE

**4.30 RESTORATION HANDICAP CHASE** (£2,924: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

1 5P-P BORDER ARCHER 4 (CD,F,6,S) P Hobbs 9-11-10 — N Parker (7)
2 -326 TREE PUPPY 107 (C,D,B,S) C Brooks 10-11-9 — G Bradley
3 135P PRY'S JOY 44 (BF,F,6) F Murphy 9-11-6 — A Maguire
4 4462 UNEX-PLAINED 36 (D,6,S) G Moore 10-10-13 — J Callaghan

13-8 Unex-Plained, 9-4 Tree Poppy, 11-4 Pry's Joy, 5-1 Border Archer

**5.00 INFANTRY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE** (£1,480: 2m) (8)

1 D-49 ARMATEUR 48 J McCormocke 5-11-2 — R Bellamy
2 0- CELTIC ROMPER 427 T Houldroyde 6-11-2 — D Bridgwater
3 GAYLIGHT J Holcombe 6-11-2 — S Wynne (3)
4 D- EBAHAM GOOCH 363 G Balding 7-11-2 — S Hodgson
5 05 NEW YORK BOY 47 R Frost 5-11-2 — J Frost
6 JAYEFTEE J Upson 6-10-11 — J Duggan
7 MIDNIGHT SECRET W Clay 6-10-11 — Diane Clay
8 55 MRS MAYHEW 44 F Murphy 5-10-11 — A Maguire

2-1 New York Boy, 11-4 Mrs Mayhew, 4-1 Armateur, Eskara Gooch, 10-1 others.

**5.30 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE** (£2,241: 2m 5f 110yd) (9)

1 4202 SMILES AHEAD 7 (G) P Bevan 5-11-10 — T Wall
2 4613 ROC COLOR 26 (BF,S) C Brooks 4-11-7 — G Bradley
3 3514 DENNINGTON 26 (D,BF,6) F Murphy 5-11-0 — A Maguire
4 2303 UTRILLO 25 B Curley 4-11-0 — D Murphy
5 0023 CRUISE ALONG 43 (BF) M Tarnton-Davies 6-11-0 — G Llewellyn
6 1215 DONNA'S TOKEN 22 (C,BF,F,6) R Brown 8-10-12 — Mr J L Llewellyn (7)
7 3/58 RISK FACTOR 23 R Lee 7-10-6 — R Greene (3)
8 00FP RIDDLEMEROO 4 A Forbes 8-10-0 — T Eley (5)
9 05P0 LARREEN 7 Miss R Pattman 5-10-0 — D Meade (7)

3-1 Cruise Along, 4-1 Dennington, 9-2 Donna's Token, 11-2 Utrillo, 7-1 Smiles Ahead, 8-1 Roc Color, 12-1 Risk Factor, 33-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Nicholls, 4 winners from 15 runners, 26.7%; A Tunnell, 6 from 30, 20.0%; M Tarnton-Davies, 8 from 43, 18.6%; P Hobbs, 17 from 94, 18.1%; C Brooks, 4 from 23, 17.4%; G Balding, 15 from 101, 14.9%.

JOCKEYS: S Hodgson, 4 winners from 17 rides, 23.5%; Diane Clay, 4 from 18, 22.2%; A Maguire, 11 from 53, 20.8%; G Bradley, 5 from 31, 16.1%; R Dunwoody, 35 from 225, 15.6%; H Davies, 19 from 135, 14.1%.

☐Knock To Enter was installed as favourite by the sponsors for the Ladbrokes Spring Handicap at Newbury on Saturday. They bet: 9-1 Knock To Enter, 10-1 Dawning Street, 12-1 Efharisto, Nile Delta, Royal Seaton, 14-1 bar.

## PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER

2.45 Duveen. 3.15 Claudia Miss. 3.45 Anusha. 4.15 Peto. 4.50 Lake Poopo. 5.20 Hershebar.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — SIS

DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

**2.45 STRAWBERRY HILL HANDICAP** (£3,262: 1m 2f 6yd) (18)

1 05-0 LEAP IN THE DARK 19 (F) Miss L Siddall 4-9-13 — W Ryan 8
2 15-1 SUPERTOP 8 (D,6) P Harris 5-8-12 (5ex) — Paul Eddery 5
3 0040 FALCONS DAWN 8 (B,CD,F,S) A Bailey 6-9-8 — A Tucker (3) 6
4 00/0- NEBATORY 417J (C,F) M Chapman 5-8-5 — V Smith 13
5 300- SPRAY OF ORCHIDS 162 (D,6,S) J Etherington 4-9-5 T Lucas 12
6 459- ESSAYERFREE 159 Mrs M Reveley 4-9-3 — Darren Moffatt (7) 18
7 461- TIGER SHOOT 185 (D,6,S) C Lines 5-9-2 — A Shoults 11
8 0-13 TAMIDA 6 (D,F,S,6) M Britain 7-9-1 — M Wigham 17
9 30-0 AHAB 18 (F) S Norton 4-8-13 — D Pears (5) 1
10 00-5 PRIDE OF PENDLE 14 (F,S) P Calver 4-8-11 — W Newnes 3
11 /650- EVERSO IRISH 21J P Evans 4-8-11 — J Holland 4
12 0/05321 RED INDIAN 11 (D,F,6) W Haigh 7-8-10 — J Fanning 15
13 300/0- BEAUMOOD 382J (F,6,S) E Alston 7-8-7 Stephen Davies (5) 16
14 00-0 ALUMAC NOMAD 18 (F) J Campbell 4-8-7 — G Mitchell (7) 7
15 -321 DUVEEN 7 (D,6) M Bell 3-8-8 (5ex) — M Fenton (5) 10
16 0-00 ALICANTE 13 M Chapman 5-8-3 — D McCabe (7) 9
17 2350 SWEET REVIVAL 15 J Glover 5-8-3 — J Fortune 2
18 00-0 REZA 20 J Eyre 5-8-1 — F Norton (3) 14

7-4 Superlop, 11-4 Duveen, 6-1 Pride of Pendle, 8-1 Red Indian, 12-1 Essayerfree, Tamida, 14-1 Tiger Shoot, 16-1 others.

**3.15 OSSETT SELLING STAKES** (£2,721: 1m 4yd) (21)

1 320-5 AARDVARK 14 (B,D,F,6) N Tinkler 7-9-7 — E Husband (7) 3
2 0-40 FUTURES BET 72 (B,D,S) A Potts 4-9-7 — S Webster 21
3 -006 MANULEADER 12 (B,6) J Norton 4-9-7 — D Nicholls 5
4 0401 ROYAL ACCLAIM 13 (V,D,F,S) J Bradley 8-9-7 — Michael Bradley (7) 17
5 10624/ AINFELD SALLY 50J Mrs P Barker 7-9-2 — Paul Eddery 8
6 6060 CAL'S BOY 37 J Smith 4-9-1 — S Parks 6
7 0134 CLAUDIA MISS 13 (S) W Haigh 5-8-2 — Dale Gibson 19
8 50/0-5 CYRILL HENRY 35J M Dods 4-9-2 — N Connorton 1
9 50-3 FLETCHER'S BOUNTY 8 Mrs M Reveley 4-9-2 — Darren Moffatt (7) 10
10 0 FUTURE FAME 21 J Bethell 4-9-2 — D Harrison (3) 14
11 8-00 HOT PUNCH 82 P Calver 4-9-2 — W Newnes 15
12 5000- IBSEN 167 I Campbell 5-9-2 — W Ryan 4
13 00 IMPORTANT DECISION 13 D Chapman 4-9-2 — S Wood 7
14 34/ PALM LAGOON 541 C Tinkler 4-9-2 — M Birch 11
15 -430 SPEED OIL 27 R Bastiman 4-9-2 — J Fanning 16
16 000- STRAWBERSONTHEHITE 172 (B) J Wainwright 4-9-2 — L Charnock 20
17 3033/ ANNA MANANA 487 (B) A Hambly 4-9-2 — J O'Reilly 9
18 /0000- ROMOLA NUMSKY 153J P Evans 5-8-11 — D Holland 13
19 — WAXING LYRICAL 33J J Eyre 6-8-11 — D Pears (5) 2
20 00-0 WHO'S THE BEST 18 A Jarvis 3-8-0 — D Wright (7) 18
21 0-05 BARLEY CAKE 86 T Fairhurst 3-7-9 — J Fanning 12

2-1 Fletcher's Bounty, 3-1 Claudia Miss, 9-2 Barley Cake, 13-2 Royal Acclaim, 12-1 Who's The Best, 14-1 Aardvark, Palm Lagoon, 16-1 others.

**3.45 ST GILES FILLIES HANDICAP** (3-Y-O: £3,260: 6f) (9)

1 030- ISTINAR 170 P Walwyn 9-7 — D Holland 1
2 30-4 HEATHYARDS GEM 11 (6) R Hollinshead 9-3 — W Ryan 2
3 10-5 ANUSHA 18 (B,BF,D,S) J Berry 9-2 — J Carroll 4
4 00-2 ANOTHER JADE 5 (S) A Jarvis 9-1 — S Whitworth 9
5 100- MARBELLA 138 (D,F,S) J Leigh 8-11 — F Norton (3) 8
6 400- RUSSIA WITH LOVE 189 J Bethell 8-11 — Paul Eddery 7
7 144- BRIGHT GEM 120 (D,6) T Fairhurst 8-6 — J Fanning 3
8 6563 ROSE FLYER 11 M Chapman 8-5 — D McCabe (7) 5
9 -040 DON'T TELL JEAN 14 N Bycroft 7-7 — S Wood 6

6-4 Another Jade, 3-1 Anusha, 6-1 Istinar, 8-1 Rose Flyer, 14-1 Bright Gem, Marbella, 16-1 Heathyards Gem, 20-1 others.

**4.15 WEFT GATE CONDITIONS STAKES** (£4,747: 1m 4yd) (4)

1 114- RAMBO'S HALL 165 (D,F,S) J Glover 8-9-10 — Dean McKeown 1
2 40-5 BOLDAROO 12 (F) C Brittain 4-8-12 — M Birch 3
3 015- PETO 228 (C,&,S) H Cecil 4-8-12 — W Ryan 4
4 02/05 WELL APPOINTED 2 (F) A Hambly 4-8-11 — D Holland 2

11-8 Rambo's Hall, 13-8 Peto, 3-1 Boldaroo, 12-1 Well Appointed.

**4.50 LADY BALK MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES** (3-Y-O; £3,260: 1m 2f 6yd) (10)

1 24 ABSALOM'S PILLAR 7 J Hetherton 9-0 — W Newnes 4
2 GORDON'S BROTHER J Hetherton 9-0 — N Connorton 3
3 0- HALMANERROR 148 W Elsey 9-0 — J Carroll 1
4 0-3 MOONLIGHT ECLIPSE 16 E Alston 9-0 — Stephen Davies (5) 9
5 3 MOUNT FUJI 15 (BF) G Wragg 9-0 — Paul Eddery 5
6 0060 NOBLE MEASURE 13 (B) S Bowring 9-0 — G Strange (7) 2
7 00-3 LAKE POOPO 15 B Hills 8-9 — D Holland 10
8 LAVENDER COTTAGE G Wragg 8-9 — F Norton (3) 7
9 MOZDART J Pearson 8-9 — Dean McKeown 6
10 5 SABEEL 15 Mrs L Piggott 8-9 — W Ryan 8

5-4 Lake Poopo, 4-1 Mount Fuji, 13-2 Absalom's Pillar, 8-1 Sabeel, 12-1 Moonlight Eclipse, Noble Measure, 14-1 Mozdart, 20-1 others.

**5.20 GARFORTH HANDICAP** (3-Y-O: £3,054: 5f) (8)

1 516- TOM PIPER 279 (D,S) J Berry 9-7 — J Carroll 5
2 632- PLUM FIRST 228 (F) N Bycroft 9-7½ — D Nicholls 7
3 2113 HERSHEBAR 37 (B,D) S Bowring 9-4 — G Strange (7) 8
4 500- BROOKLANDS EXPRESS 154 J Bethell 8-12 — D Wilkinson 4
5 -432 CLASSIC FINK-NOTTLE 14 T Barron 8-11 — Alex Greaves 6
6 460- MY BOOBSON 201 (B,D,F) B Beasley 8-9 — D Pears (5) 1
7 303- COVENT GARDEN GIRL 191 M W Easterby 8-9 — T Lucas 2
8 0-00 WHAT BLISS 13 (B) D Chapman 7-7 — S Wood 3

2-1 Tom Piper, 3-1 Classic Fink-Nottle, 5-1 Hershebar, 6-1 Plum First, 12-1 Covent Garden Girl, My Godson, 14-1 Brooklands Express, 33-1 What Bliss.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 11 winners from 26 runners, 42.3%; C Elsey, 3 from 12, 25.0%; G Wragg, 7 from 31, 22.6%; Mrs M Reveley, 12 from 55, 21.8%; B Hills, 5 from 23, 21.7%; J Bethell, 4 from 22, 18.2%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 5 winners from 20 rides, 25.0%; W Newnes, 4 from 21, 19.0%; W Ryan, 10 from 66, 15.2%; N Connorton, 8 from 55, 14.5%; A Tucker, 3 from 24, 12.5%; Paul Eddery, 6 from 49, 12.2%.

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PONTEFRACT: 3.45 Anusha.

## NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

2.00 Alligram. 3.40 Silver Wizard. 2.35 Little Bean. 4.10 Alcoy. 3.05 SHUAILAAN (nap). 4.45 Pommes Frites. 5.15 Fabulous Mtoto.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.0 STELLA MYSTIKA (nap). 2.35 Little Bean. 5.15 Curtelace.

## GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,6,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 — B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — left. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J — jumps. F — flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

**2.00 GEOFFREY GARLING MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES** (3-Y-O: £3,752: 7f) (10 runners)

101 (7) — ALLIGRAM (Helena Springfield Ltd) M Stoute 8-11 — Pat Eddery —
102 (9) 4- ANEESATI 193 (Mohamed Obaida) C Brittain 8-11 — W R Swinburn 90
103 (2) — CORAL GEM (Shaikh Mohammed) G Wragg 8-11 — J Reid 80
104 (6) 3055- DANCING SPIRIT 176 (L J Ward) R Hannon 8-11 — T Quinn 70
105 (3) 60- DITTISHAM 204 (Lord & Lady Roborough) R Hannon 8-11 — W Woods 65
106 (5) 0 SAKURA QUEEN 15 (Joseph Chan) S Woods 8-11 — D Biggs 58
107 (10) 22000- SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 196 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-11 — M Roberts 66
108 (1) 2- STELLA MYSTIKA 165 (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-11 — M Hills —
109 (4) 4- SUMMER FLOWER 195 (J Hindley) B Hills 8-11 — M Hills —
110 (8) — SWORD SAIL (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 8-11 — L Piggott —

BETTING: 13-8 Stella Mystika, 3-1 Aneesati, 4-1 Alligram, 13-2 Coral Gem, 8-1 Summer Flower, 10-1 Seasonal Splendour, 12-1 Sword Sail.

1992: JUNIPER BERRY 8-11 Pat Eddery (3-1) P Chapple-Hyam 10 ran

**2.35 SWAFFHAM RATED STAKES** (£7,438: 7f) (7 runners) — C4

201 (4) 1112/30- GILT THRONE 156 (F,6) (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Tompkins 6-9-7 — P Robinson —
202 (2) 00000-6 MASTER PLANNER 12 (C,F,B) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-6 — T Quinn 98
203 (6) 101102- LITTLE BEAN 200 (C,F,6) (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 4-9-4 — M Hills 95
204 (7) 530103- EURO FESTIVAL 266 (D,F,6) (C Price) Miss L Siddall 4-9-1 — Pat Eddery 93
205 (5) 30020-8 BEWARE OF AGENTS 18 (CD,F,S) (B Yearsley) M Johnston 4-8-10 Dean McKeown 85
206 (1) 4/50450- HERORA 179 (F,S) (Mrs L Graham) N Graham 4-8-9 — W Carson 86
207 (3) 01240-3 WILL OF STEEL 18 (S) (K Whelddon) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-7 — K Fallon 97

BETTING: 5-2 Will Of Steel, 11-4 Little Bean, 7-2 Master Planner, 5-1 Beware Of Agents, 8-1 Euro Festival, 10-1 Herora, 12-1 Gilt Throne

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

GILT THRONE 7th of 8 to Blyton Lad in Doncaster (6f, good) listed race. LITTLE BEAN 3rd of 21 to Shamalito in Ascot (7f, soft) handicap with MASTER PLANNER (6lb better off) 12l 14th. EURO FESTIVAL 4l 3rd of 7 to Dream Carrier in Sandown (7f 16yd, good) handicap. HERORA 5th of 11 to Heart of Darkness in Warwick (7f, soft) stakes race on penultimate start. WILL OF STEEL 1¼l 3rd of 24 to High Premium in Doncaster (1m, good to firm) handicap with BEWARE OF AGENTS (4lb better off) over 5l 6th.

Selection: WILL OF STEEL (nap)

**3.05 EARL OF SEFTON EBF STAKES** (Group III: £21,804: 1m 1f) (13 runners) — C4

301 (3) 455041- LUCKY LINDY 185 (B,S) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 4-9-1 — Pat Eddery 89
302 (2) 2 BREAK BREAD 8 (F,G) (S Weinstock) P Chapple-Hyam 4-8-13 — J Reid 90
303 (8) 2/13105- IRISH MEMORY 333 (S,S) (D Dobson) J Bolger 4-8-13 — C Roche 85
304 (12) 415/00- LORD OF THE FIELD 166 (CD,S,S) (Duke of Devonshire) J Tree 6-8-13 G Duffield 77
305 (1) 232126- ARMARAMA 277 (F) (C Otley) C Brittain 4-8-12 — A Munro 88
306 (13) 520132- CLOUD OF DUST 171 (F,S) (Miss P Kusch) J Dunlop 4-8-10 — T Quinn 85
307 (9) 0/21235- EZZOUD 290 (V,F,S) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-8-10 — W R Swinburn 98
308 (5) 2/1281- KRISTIANSTAD 168 (F,6) (Shaikh Mohammed) Mrs J Cecil 4-8-10 — L Dettori 82
309 (10) 0/21010- PERFAY 51J (S) (Sheikh A bin Saeed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 4-8-10 — R Hills —
310 (11) 1/21144- SHUAILAAN 179 (C,F,6) (Sheikh A Al Maktoum) A Stewart 4-8-10 — M Roberts 89
311 (11) 301100- TIK FA 180 (V,F,G) (A Ali) B Hanbury 4-8-10 — B Raymond 93
312 (4) 2310/24- YOUNG SENOR 336 (C,F) (Mellors Racing) G Wragg 4-8-10 — M Hills 97
313 (6) 00220-4 SOIREE 12 (BF,6) (S Mize) B Hills 4-8-7 — W Carson 83

BETTING: 3-1 Lucky Lindy, 7-2 Shuailaan, 9-2 Ezzoud, 11-2 Young Senor, 7-1 Break Bread, 8-1 Soiree, 10-1 Armarama, Cloud Of Dust, 14-1 others.

1992: SURE SHARP 5-8-10 S Cauthen (8-1) B Hills 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

LUCKY LINDY under 6l 4th of 11 to Arazi in group II Coga Prix Du Rond-Point at Longchamp (1m, soft) on penultimate start with TIK FA (5lb better off) over 2½l 7th. BREAK BREAD 1½l 2nd of 5 to Young Buster in Pontefract (1m 2f, good) stakes race. ARMARAMA under 20l 6th of 9 to User Friendly in group I Kildangan Stud Irish Oaks at The Curragh (1m 4f, good to soft). CLOUD OF DUST 1½l 3rd of 11 to Siddharta in group III Premio Ragusa Memorial Sergio Cumani at San Siro (1m, heavy) EZZOUD best form when 1l 2nd of 6 to Rodrigo de Triano in group I Airlie/Coolmore Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh with LUCKY LINDY (5lb worse off) 3l 4th and IRISH MEMORY (3lb worse off) 5l 5th. SHUAILAAN 3l 4th of 10 to Rodrigo de Triano in group I Dubai Champion Stakes here (1m 2f, good to firm).

Selection: SHUAILAAN

COURSE SPECIALISTS

| TRAINERS | Wins | Runs | % | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| P Chapple-Hyam | 10 | 39 | 25.6 | R Perham | 6 | 38 | 20.0 |
| W Haln | 20 | 83 | 24.1 | Pat Eddery | 67 | 395 | 17.0 |
| H Cecil | 59 | 278 | 21.2 | W Carson | 75 | 461 | 16.3 |
| M Stoute | 48 | 255 | 19.0 | W R Swinburn | 50 | 326 | 15.3 |
| L Cumani | 49 | 291 | 16.8 | L Dettori | 52 | 364 | 14.3 |
| J Gosden | 31 | 185 | 16.8 | M Roberts | 56 | 461 | 12.1 |

**3.40 EUROPEAN FREE HANDICAP** (Listed race: 3-Y-O: £18,034: 7f) (7 runners) — C4

401 (4) 11016- PETARDIA 180 (D,F) (Maktoss Racing) G Wragg 9-7 — W R Swinburn 88
402 (7) 122- SO FACTUAL 184 (F) (K Abdulla) R Harwood 9-5 — Pat Eddery 85
403 (3) 121314- SILVER WIZARD 195 (C,F,6,S) (Mrs S Bridges) G Lewis 9-6 — L Piggott 88
404 (5) 134346- DARBONNE 194 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Harwood 9-3 — T Quinn 85
405 (6) 412- SALATIN 236 (D,6) (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-2 — W Carson 90
406 (2) 0142- REVELATION 169 (F) (J Dale) R Hannon 8-8 — J Reid 88
407 (1) 1130- LOST SOLDIER 180 (C,F,6) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0 — M Roberts 91

BETTING: 2-1 Silver Wizard, 3-1 Revelation, 7-2 So Factual, 4-1 Petardia, 7-1 Darbonne, 10-1 Salatin, 12-1 Lost Soldier.

1992: PURSUIT OF LOVE 9-1 Pat Eddery (11-4) H Cecil 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

PETARDIA over 7l 6th of 11 to Zalotic in group I Dewhurst Stakes over course and distance (good to firm) with LOST SOLDIER (7lb better off) 5l 10th. Earlier beat Needle Gun 1½l in 9-runner group II Laurent-Perrier Champagne Stakes at Doncaster (7f, good to firm).

SO FACTUAL 5l 2nd of 5 to Young Ern in Leicester (6f, good to soft) stakes race. SILVER WIZARD 4¼l 4th of 6 to Zieten in group I Middle Park Stakes here (6f, good). Earlier ½l 2nd, placed 3rd, to Solevdent in group II Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes at York (6f, good to firm) with DARBONNE (3lb better off) 1½l 4th and PETARDIA (2lb better off) 7l 6th. SALATIN head 2nd of 8 to Woodland in York (7f, good) stakes race. REVELATION 1½l 2nd of 24 to Pips Pride in valuable Radcar (6f, heavy) Racecall Gold Trophy.

Selection: SILVER WIZARD

**4.10 LADBROKE RACING HANDICAP** (£5,299: 1m 4f) (13 runners) — C4

501 (8) 11- LYPHANTASTIC 294 (D,F) (Miss S Payson) M Stoute 4-10-0 — W R Swinburn 90
502 (4) 0/0141-6 CHIEF MINISTER 14 (C,D,F,S) (K Wreddon) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-11 — K Fallon 91
503 (7) 22000-0 LABURNUM 20 (S) (P Leonard) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-7 — J Weaver (3) 95
504 (10) 128520- FARMER'S PET 180 (F,S) (D Midwood) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-9-7 — L Dettori 92
505 (1) 321600- AMBIGUOUSLY REGAL 180 (G) (G Olivetti) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-4 — G Duffield 87
506 (3) 3000-92 ROUSITTO 15 (D,F,S) (Mrs G Maloney) R Hollinshead 5-9-2 — R Cochrane 88
507 (2) 0/4350- DOM WAC 326 (F) (Vintage Racing) M Bell 5-9-1 — M Hills 85
508 (6) 2006/40- SOVEREIGN PAGE 169 (F) (Mrs J Bentley) B Hanbury 4-8-12 — G Baxter 85
509 (6) 2104-11 NORTHERN GRADUATE 12 (D,F,S) (F Saroli) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-11 — K Darley 95
510 (12) 510446- MISS PIN UP 204 (D,F,G) (E Baldwin) Pat Mitchell 4-8-9 — D Biggs 89
511 (13) 2/1/0100- HELLO MY DARLING 336 (F,S) (Fayed Thoroughbred Ltd) W Muir 5-8-5 T Quinn 88
512 (11) 303400- THINKING TWICE 18J (S) (Maktoum In Mind) N Henderson 4-8-5 — W Carson 93
513 (9) 4330B0- ALCOY 25J (F Kelloway) P Kelloway 4-7-7 — J Quinn 94

Long Handicap: Alcoy 7-5.

BETTING: 5-1 Northern Graduate, 13-2 Rousitto, 7-1 Thinking Twice, Chief Minister, 8-1 Lyphantastic, Laburnum, 10-1 Dom Wac, 12-1 Ambiguously Regal, Hello My Darling, 14-1 Farmer's Pet, Alcoy, 16-1 others.

1992: CLOSE FRIEND 4-9-7 D Holland (7-1) B Hills 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

LYPHANTASTIC best Severine 31l 6l in 7-runner Salisbury (1m 4l, hard) handicap. CHIEF MINISTER over 10l 6th of 8 to White Willow in Calderick (1m 6f, good) handicap. Last time bt Not In Doubt 2l in 15-runner handicap here (1m 6f, good to firm) with FARMERS PET 15l 11th and AMBIGUOUSLY REGAL 8l 12th. ROUSITTO short-head 2nd of 15 to Va Utu in Leicester (1m 4f, firm) handicap. NORTHERN GRADUATE beat First Bid neck in 4-runner Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm) handicap. Earlier beat Bescaby Boy 16l in 20-runner Doncaster (1m 4f, good to firm) handicap with ROUSITTO (same terms) under 3l 5th and LABURNUM under 10l 13th. MISS PIN UP 12l 6th of 13 to Top Spin in Kempton (1m 6f, good) handicap.

Selection: NORTHERN GRADUATE

**4.45 BARTLOW MAIDEN AUCTION FILLIES STAKES** (2-Y-O: £3,622: 5f) (11 runners)

601 (9) — ACCESS ADVANTAGE (Mrs E Williams) R Boss 8-11 — R Cochrane —
602 (4) — CAPPUCHINO (S Festuk) W O'Gorman 8-11 — A Munro —
603 (10) 2 DUBALL REMY 13 (D Batts) Miss G Kelleway 8-11 — Pat Eddery —
604 (2) — HIPS'N' HAWS (Mrs A Boyd-Rochford) M Bell 8-11 — M Hills —
605 (5) — INDIANRA (P Lawton) R Hollinshead 8-11 — K Darley —
606 (11) — MISS PARAMOUNT (N Fish) A Stewart 8-11 — M Roberts —
607 (3) — NAKITA (Theobalds Stud) C Allen 8-11 — G Forster (7) —
608 (8) — POMMES FRITES (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 8-11 — L Piggott —
609 (6) — QUEENS STROLLER (Lady Parker) B Hills 8-11 — W Carson —
610 (7) — SALT STONE (I Lochhead) M Tompkins 8-11 — P Robinson —
611 (1) 0 SWEET CAROLINE 11 (Mrs C Gulgrand) Pat Mitchell 8-11 — J Reid —

BETTING: 3-1 Pommes Frites, 4-1 Cappuchino, 5-1 Queens Stroller, 13-2 Salt Stone, Hips'N' Haws, 7-1 Duball Remy, 10-1 Access Advantage, 12-1 Indianra, Miss Paramount.

1992: ANCESTRAL DANCER 2-8-11 M Hills (6-1) M Bell 11 ran

**5.15 WOOD DITTON STAKES** (3-Y-O: £6,316: 1m) (19 runners)

1 (17) — AJDAVT (Shaikh A Al Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0 — L Piggott —
2 (14) — BARRATRY (L Manzopoulos) H Cecil 9-0 — A McGlone —
3 (1) — COLMBROOK (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 — K Darley —
4 (4) — CURTELACE (Lord Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 9-0 — J Reid —
5 (12) — ELEGANT HUSSAR (Lady Kennard) C Brittain 9-0 — J Perrett —
6 (13) — FABULOUS MTOTO (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) D Elsworth 9-0 — T Quinn —
7 (6) — FIJIMAL (K Abdulla) J Gosden 9-0 — Pat Eddery —
8 (5) — HADDAAJ (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) B Hanbury 9-0 — B Raymond —
9 (9) — KARSHI (Lord Vestey) J Fanshawe 9-0 — G Duffield —
10 (2) — LIWAN (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 — R Hills —
11 (15) — MAASHAI LAWM (Sheikh A Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 9-0 — P Robinson —
12 (6) — MECKLENBURG (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 — M Roberts —
13 (7) — MOULTAZIM (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-0 — W R Swinburn —
14 (3) — MT TEMPLEMAN (S Stewardship) I Balding 9-0 — L Dettori —
15 (16) — MUTAMAMMI (H Al Maktoum) Major W Hern 9-0 — W Carson —
16 (18) — SHARAAR (A Al Jaleh) W Haggas 9-0 — W Ury —
17 (16) — TEJ SINGH (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0 — R Cochrane —
18 (11) — TILTY (Exors of the late D Cock) R Hannon 9-0 — R Perham —
19 (10) — PREMATA (Skyline Racing Ltd) B Hills 8-9 — J Lowe —

BETTING: 7-2 Fijimal, 4-1 Mutamami, 9-2 Barratry, 5-1 Mt Templeman, Fabulous

Pride comes before fall for Britons as world championship circus descends on Birmingham

# Scherbo king in waiting as new world order rules



**Simon Barnes** witnesses some bizarre and compelling events in changing face of gymnastics

They started tumbling at eight in the morning, and carried on until ten at night. Gymnasts from 55 nations tumbling for their lives and for the world championships in a half-empty hall in Birmingham, a muted epic of aching courage.

They will do the same today: the leading British hope, Neil Thomas — who, they tell me, actually really does *genuinely* have a decent chance of a medal — has the unenviable task of kicking off proceedings at dawn. Tumbling for your life before breakfast seems a strange idea, but gymnastics is full of strange ideas. No sport *fuller*.

The map of the world has been redrawn so many times in recent years it is getting *hard to keep track. I mean*, where is Azerbaijan? Gymnastics reflects all the incomprehensibilities of this turmoil in its own bizarre fashion.

At the last world championships in Indianapolis in 1991, there were 35 nations, 20 fewer than here. Ten nations are from the former Soviet Union. No, Azerbaijan is not one of them: the place is not actually affiliated to the International Gymnastics Federation.

This is somewhat tough on Valeri Belenky, who was one of the world's leading men when he competed for the Soviets. He has been allowed to compete here as a flagless, nationless singleton. But one wonders how long it will be before Azerbaijan produces its next world-class gymnast.

These days, the countries that were once the Soviet Union have changed their financial priorities. Nuclear bombs and endless legions of grim pixies are no longer seen as the two central methods by which the East must impose itself on the hearts and minds of the West.

The residue of a long tradition is still there: we will see many fine gymnasts with polysyllabic names, all as hard to remember and as hard to keep separate as the minor characters in Dostoevsky. The best of these is the magnificent Vitaly Scherbo, of Belarussia, who won six gold medals at the last Olympics.

The reverse side of the old Soviet tradition is demonstrated here by Tatiana Gutsu, aged 16, and not actually here. She didn't do quite as well as Scherbo, though she was *expected to*. She failed to win anything in Barcelona, and went home to suffer a nervous breakdown. Still, there are *plenty more where she came from*: but for how long?

Even in gymnastics the balance is beginning to tip towards the West. Instead of the glories of the state, American gymnasts now compete for the glorious chance of appearing on the Wheaties box and making a million: the West can put pressures on a child that are every bit as cruel and relentless as anything the Soviet machine could devise.

This sport really must have been the most extraordinary propaganda weapon of all time. It is packed with contradictions. It produced Olga Korbut, who was one of the most memorable personalities sport has ever produced. But what sports supporter from any country in the world could name a single gymnast currently competing?

This, the most expressive of sports, the most perfect of vehicles for expressing the performer's nature, seems never to produce a memorable personality. Odder, still, is the way a sport whose stars are pre-pubescent girls was seen as a perfect expression of a nation's uncompromising military might.

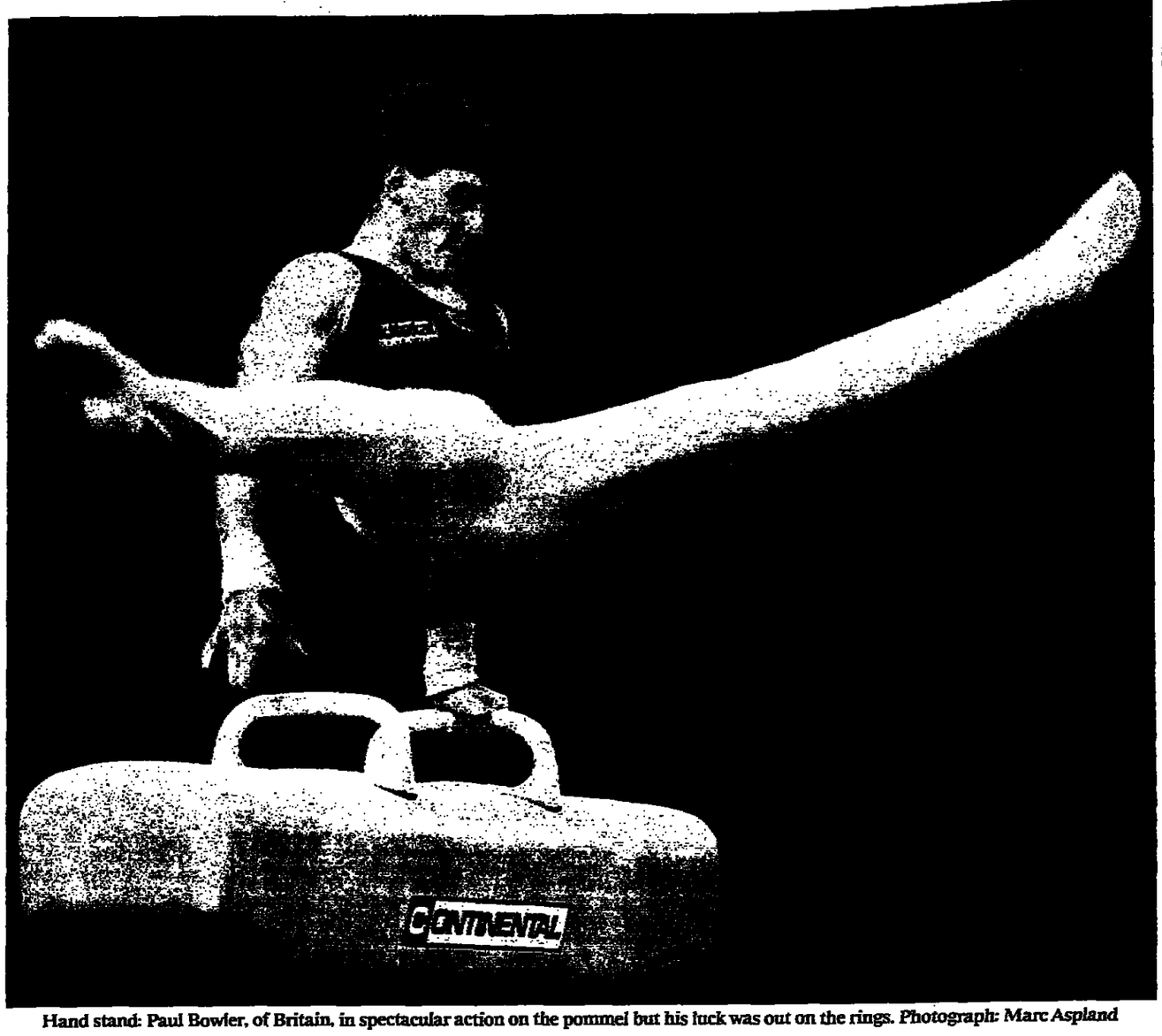
The BBC is here with 22 cameras to cover the event, which will certainly collect impressive audiences. The sport is popular, but as a further contradiction, it is not popular in a way that brings in the popular newspapers. None of the downmarket tabloids is accredited here.

Gymnastics is brilliantly watchable, and no sport is more spectacular. But it is also incomprehensible. The marking system is as accessible as quantum mechanics.

And it is a system that has been abused and filled with endless politicking. It is less subject to favouritism than it was. An international judge who gets it wrong, whether through bias or incompetence, not only gets thrown off the judges' panel, but the judge's country gets banned from international competition as well. There is something unsatisfactory at the heart of gymnastics, as there must be with all arbitrarily-judged sports.

Only failure is blatant. And the fallers were many. It was a day of tumbling Brits, with Marvin Campbell blowing his landing with a spectacular triple-somersault dismount from the bar and Paul Bowler slipping head-first from the rings before making an inadvertent dismount from the high bar. Neither was badly hurt, merely humiliated.

Humiliation is the daily bread of most sports, triumph is for the few. A climber on a rock-face performs within his limits: a gymnast performs at the far edge of his possibilities. This is the case if you are the British No. 3 or the best gymnast of all time, like Scherbo. That is what makes the sport compelling. "I lost my spatial awareness," Campbell said. You can't argue with facts like that.




Hand stand: Paul Bowler, of Britain, in spectacular action on the pommel but his luck was out on the rings. *Photograph: Marc Aspland*

## BIRMINGHAM RESULTS

Qualifiers for finals:

Men's all-round: 1, V Belenky (unattached), 55.650pts; 2, V Liukin (Kazakhstan), 55.350; 3, I Korobchinsky (Ukr), 55.225; 4, D Karbenanko (Russ), 54.975; 5, A Kan (Belarus), 54.900; 6, A Nemov (Russ), 54.375; 7, M Gherman (Rom), 54.250; 8, K Schupkegel (Hun), 54.200; 9, P Bucci (It), 54.100; 10, J Jovtechev (Bul), 53.700.

11, J-P Nikiferow (Ger), 53.575; equal 12, I Ivanov (Bul) and J Behrend (Ger), 53.500; 14, T Chinen (Japan), 53.150; 15, *E Lopez (Cuba), 53.075*; equal 16, P Hogan (Aus) and J-C Legros (Fr), 53.025, equal 18, Feng Wang (China) and D Burinca (Rom), 52.950; equal 20, Huang Liping (China) and C Waller (US), 52.850.

Individual apparatus standings (top eight qualify for final): Floor: 1, A Nemov (Russ), 9.450; 2, I Ivanov (Bul) 9.275; equal 3, I Korobchinsky (Ukr) and M Gherman (Rom), 9.250; 5, V Liukin (Kaz), 9.200; 6, K Schupkegel (Hun), 9.125; 7, E Lopez (Cuba), 9.075; equal 8, V Belenky (unattached) and A Kan (Belarus), 9.050; 10, P Bucci (It), 8.975.

Pommel horse: equal 1, K Schupkegel (Hun) and C Waller (US), 9.375; equal 3, V Liukin (Kaz) and Huang Liping (China), 9.325; equal 5, A Kan (Belarus) and Feng Wang (China), 9.300; equal 7, V Belenki (unattached) and I Korobchinsky (Ukr), 9.275; 9, D Karbananko (Russ), 9.250; 10, Takashi Chinen (China), 9.125.

Rings: 1, V Liukin (Kaz), 9.450; 2, Yoo Ok-ryul (S Kor), 9.375; 3, D Burinca (Rom), 9.325; 4, V Belenky (unattached), 9.300; 5, J Behrend (Ger), 9.275; 6, P Bucci (It), 9.175; equal 7, D Karbananko (Russ), J Jovtechev (Bul) and J Van Eetvelt (Bel), 9.125, 10, E Lopez (Cuba), 9.100.

# Palmer is ready to take field for final

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

CARLTON Palmer, the Sheffield Wednesday and England midfield player, expects to be fit enough to take his place in Sunday's Coca-Cola Cup final against Arsenal at Wembley despite being troubled by a foot injury that continues to restrict his mobility.

Palmer suffered a cut instep while playing for England in a World Cup qualifying fixture in Turkey last month and was only able to play in the FA Cup semi-final against Sheffield United and last weekend's Premier League game against Manchester United after receiving a series of painkilling injections.

"I had seven injections before the semi-final and five before the game at Old Trafford," Palmer said. "Although I will not be able to train until later in the week, I fully intend to be available for selection."

Arsenal players will wear their names on the back of their shirts in this year's FA Cup final for the first time. Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday had already confirmed their players will wear their names on their backs in the Coca-Cola Cup final this Sunday, but when it was announced yesterday that Arsenal will do the same in the FA Cup, both the FA and Wednesday seemed surprised.

David Dein, the Arsenal vice-chairman, said: "We have been given the green light to go ahead with names on the shirts of squad members by Trevor Phillips, the FA's commercial director.

"It's been a crusade of mine for two years. Teams already have names on their backs in major international tournaments, so why not in the FA Cup? It will make the players more easily identifiable to fans, TV viewers and commentators, although the numbers will be smaller than before." Phillips was not available for comment.

Tottenham Hotspur's Norwegian goalkeeper, Erik Thorstvedt, will be out for the rest of the season because of a fractured finger. Thorstvedt, who suffered the injury in the 2-1 defeat at Nottingham Forest on Monday, is expected to be out for a month and will miss Norway's World Cup qualifier against Turkey.

Leeds United will again be without the England pair, Tony Dorigo and David Batty, for tonight's visit to the fading championship contenders, Norwich City. Dorigo is troubled by an ankle ligament injury while Batty has a knee problem. The club's captain, Gary McAllister, however, is fit again after missing the 5-2 win over Blackburn Rovers on Saturday with a recurring arm injury.

The Southampton winger, Perry Groves, could miss the start of next season after a domestic accident in which he slipped at home while on crutches and landed heavily on his injured Achilles tendon. Groves, 28, is to have a further operation on his ankle to discover the extent of any further damage to the tendon.

# Jansher Khan deals early blow to Australian confidence



Jansher: title-holder

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

AUSTRALIAN hopes of success in the Hi-Tec British Open squash championships have already risen and fallen before a ball has been struck in the main draw at Lambs Club in London today.

Jansher Khan's unexpected departure from the French Open in Paris last week to be with his sick mother in Pakistan prompted the Australians to predict a victory for one of their own players in the British Open for the first time since Geoff Hunt took the title in 1981 — largely because the leading Pakistanis would be absent.

Jansher, however, is booked to defend the title he won last year, succeeding, almost by right, his compatriot, Jahangir Khan, who had decided that the tenth successive win he achieved in 1991 was probably an unapproachable record not to be placed at risk in advancing injury-prone years.

Although the Martin brothers and their top-seeded younger sister, Michelle, are in London to lead the challenge from Australia, there was further bad news yesterday when the qualifying finals delivered to Rodney, the third-seeded younger of the Martin brothers, the mobile young Pakistani, Zarak Jahan, who was forced to play through every preliminary round at Lambs Club since Good Friday after returning from a year-long disciplinary ban from the world's top 20.

Also returning from the same ban is Mir Zaman Gul, a former world No. 6, who is drawn to provide Gary Waite, the much-improved Canadian No. 1, with an equally treacherous opening round and then go on to challenge Brett, the fourth-seeded elder Martin brother.

Zarak's early challenge might have been welcomed as a pipe-opener by Rodney Martin had he not suffered extensive exposure in Sunday's French final to Chris Dittmar, his second-seeded compatriot, who has drawn Simon Frenz, of Germany, from the qualifiers.

Dittmar, in turn, will be looking at a scheduled third-round match against Peter Marshall, the England No. 1, as his biggest early problem. Marshall defeated Dittmar the last time they met in the national league and his unique two-handed style has provided serious problems for the left-handed Australian in their recent tournament clashes.

England's other hopes should rest with Chris Walker, of Essex, who has a familiar first-round meeting with John Ransome, an old county rival who qualified yesterday at the expense of Damian Walker, and with Simon Parke, of Yorkshire.

Parke, a former world junior champion seen, not so long ago, as the most promising player in the land, has been in disappointingly spasmodic form this season. Already situated in a combative English section in Rodney Martin's quarter of the draw, Parke was yesterday presented with the best of the lower-ranked qualifiers, Paul Johnson, of Kent.

Johnson, a former British Open under-19 champion, removed the talented world No. 27, Adam Schreiber, of Australia, 9-7, 9-0, 9-5, yesterday with a level of precision and flair that will worry not only Parke but the winner between Del Harris and Stephen Meads in the following round.

Nor was Johnson the only surprise package out of yesterday's qualifying rounds. Tim Garner, the lucky loser who returned to the qualifiers on a draw from the hat after losing narrowly in the exhausting preliminary rounds, carried his fortune into the first round proper against Ross Norman, the 34-year-old former world champion from New Zealand, by defeating Robert Graham yesterday.

Paul Lord, the young Cheshire player who just missed reaching the English closed final in January, achieved one of his best international results by beating Faheem Khan of Hong Kong in straight games.

RESULTS: Qualifying finals: Men: Z Jahan (Pak) bt C Rowland (Aus), 9-7, 9-1, 9-5; P Lord (Eng) bt F Khan (HK), 10-8, 9-4, 8-4; S Frenz (Ger) bt S Butt (Can), 9-3, 9-4, 9-0; T Garner (Eng) bt R Graham (Eng), 9-3, 9-2, 8-10, 9-6; C van der Walth (SA) bt P Gregory (Eng), 8-9, 2-9, 9-3, 9-5, 9-3; J Ransome (Eng) bt D Walker (Eng), 9-5, 9-5, 9-2; P Johnson (Eng) bt A Schreiber (Aus), 9-7, 9-0, 9-5; M Z Gul (Pak) bt C Wapnick (SA), 9-6, 9-3, 7-9, 9-2.

Women: E Donaldson (Scot) bt M Grewal (India), 9-1, 9-3, 9-7, S Cawdry (SA) bt A Wray (Eng), 9-7, 9-6, 9-0; E Pierce (US) bt C Vezin (Fr), 9-6, 10-8, 9-7; R Cooper (Aus) bt C Castets (Fr), 9-1, 9-3, 9-0; S Spacey (Eng) bt B Bellman (US), 10-8, 9-1, 9-1; A McArdle (Ire) bt S Suck (Ger), 9-3, 10-8, 9-5; S Macfie (Eng) bt S Felton (Eng), 9-5, 3-9, 9-2, 9-0; D Vandy (Eng) bt S Korell (Ger), 9-1, 9-3, 9-1.

# Swiss give more time to Hodgson

THE English coach of the Swiss national team, Roy Hodgson, has had his contract extended to include the 1996 European championship finals in England, the Swiss Football Association announced yesterday.

Hodgson's original contract was due to expire in July 1994 after the World Cup finals in the United States, for which Switzerland appear on course to qualify for the first time since 1966. At the halfway stage in European group one, Switzerland lead Italy on goal difference, with Scotland and Portugal also hopeful of reaching the finals.

Switzerland, unbeaten in their last seven internationals, play Malta away on Saturday while tonight, in Trieste, Italy meet one of the group's minnows, Estonia. The Italians have recalled the Juventus captain, Roberto Baggio, for the match in place of Roberto Mancini, the Sampdoria forward, who had scored twice in their last qualifier, a 6-1 drubbing of Malta in Palermo.

The decline in the form of Gianluca Vialli, Baggio's team-mate at Juventus, means that Alessandro Melli, 23, from Parma, who made his debut against Malta, keeps his place alongside Giuseppe Signori, 25, of Lazio.

Estonia managed a scoreless draw in Malta but they were beten 6-0 by the Swiss last August.

# Chorley still refusing to accept relegation

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

CHORLEY Borough and Highfield have decided to proceed with an injunction against the scrapping of the third division, unless lawyers for the Rugby Football League (RFL) can give assurances about the future of the three bottom clubs.

Blackpool and Nottingham are likely to close and seek compensation from the RFL. Chorley were the third club relegated to the second division of the Alliance reserves' competition, a fate Highfield escaped only narrowly. They are hoping to force the authorities to rethink proposals for two divisions next season.

The alternative put forward by the RFL of a "Conference League" of 12 clubs has won only qualified support, as any promotion to the League proper has still to be decided. The proposed inclusion of amateur clubs is regarded as optimistic, given the climate of suspicion between the professional and amateur branches of the sport.

In the first round of the Stones Bitter divisional premiership competition on Sunday, Keighley, the third division champions, are at home to Hunslet, and Dewsbury meet Batley, their landlords. The other ties are between second-placed Workington Town and Doncaster, and Ryedale-York and Whitehaven.

Kevin Tamati, the Salford coach, is considering his future at the club, which dropped into the bottom three of the first division after Monday's 46-20 defeat at Leigh.

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# England focus on defence

BY ALAN LORIMER

LES Cusworth, the England rugby sevens coach, admitted yesterday that his side was at a disadvantage in the World Cup sevens, not having played in any warm-up tournaments.

"It is very difficult for countries like England and Wales to fit sevens into a busy league programme," he said after the England squad had trained at Barnton, the new home of Royal High. Cusworth recalled playing for the Barbarians against the Edinburgh club in the centenary Melrose sevens of 1983. "They put us out in the first round," he said.

After that experience, Cusworth will not underestimate Spain and Hong Kong, the minnows in England's pool.

The World Cup starts at Murrayfield on Friday, and yesterday Cusworth spent much of the time organising England's defences, which will be directed on field by Nick Beal, their goalkicker. Beal, who will play alongside Matthew Dawson, his fellow Northampton player, impressed at the Selkirk sevens last autumn and, along with Andrew Harriman, will be a key player in England's offensive strategies.

Australia trained at Fettes Avenue without Michael Lynagh, who was expected to join their squad last night. Australia have made three changes from the side which lost 17-14 to Fiji in the first semi-final of the Hong Kong sevens last month: Willie Ofahengaue, who was unavailable for Hong Kong, in the forwards, and John Flett, the Randwick wing who has played at Melrose, and Semi Taupeaafe, the Manly centre, in the backs.

The Australians practised against a team from Trinity Academicals in Edinburgh but today and tomorrow will train against the Canadians. Bob Dwyer, the Australia coach, agreed that Fiji and Western Samoa would be joint-favourites, but also tipped New Zealand as being strong contenders for the cup.

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# Veterans fall at first-round hurdle

THE opening day of the United States men's clay court tennis championships in Charlotte, North Carolina, was tinged with nostalgia as two 33-year-old left-handers, with their best years behind them, suffered defeats on the stadium court.

Tim Wilkison, a local favourite, who retired from full-time play two years ago, had been given a wild-card entry into the 32-strong field. But he lacked the speed and firepower to trouble his fellow American, Michael Joyce, who had to qualify, losing 6-1, 6-4 to an opponent to whom he was giving 13 years.

Andres Gomez, of Ecuador, French champion in 1990 and still ranked at No. 217, was beaten by Claudio Mezzadri, 27, of Switzerland, 6-3 7-5. Gomez never found his rhythm and missed chances to close out the second set when he squandered a 4-2 lead. The day's only upset came when the fourth seed, Jeff Tarango, went down 7-6, 6-1 to Horacio de la Pena, of Argentina.

The second seed, Todd Martin, of the United States and third-seeded Jaime Yzaga, of Peru, both went through in straight sets, against Ctislav Dosedel and Sergbio Cortes respectively.

# Lonsdale Belt adds incentive for Till

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

TWO of the hardest men in British boxing, Andy Till, the British light-middleweight champion from Northolt, and Wally Swift, of Nottingham, meet at the Albert Hall tonight. Courage, endurance and the will to win set them apart from their fellows.

Last year, their second encounter, at Watford, was acclaimed as the "Fight of the Year." They set a pace that left ringsiders gasping. Swift boxed with a damaged hand and still lost only narrowly. With Swift trying to revive his fortunes and Till seeking to make the Lonsdale Belt his own, this bout, too, could be a memorable one.

This time Swift is fully fit while Till, who has beaten Swift twice, is a greatly improved boxer. He looked impressive beating Tony Collins in three rounds at York Hall last December. Till has not only developed his punching power but is also boxing with greater control, taking the heavier blows on his arms and looking for openings to land his punches.

Collins, once the most exciting prospect in Britain, was coming off a couple of bad defeats and was mentally not up to facing an uncompromising opponent like Till. Swift, technically a better boxer than both, has an excellent chin and has never been stopped or floored. Trained by his father, Wally Swift Sr, a former British champion himself, Swift Jr is ready for 12 hard rounds.

Barring injuries, the bout should go all the way with Till coming out on top in the end. He probably wants to succeed more than the challenger, if only because he has more to lose. Whereas Swift, having failed in a European title attempt, lost a chance to challenge for the world crown, Till, 29, has yet to get his openings at European and world levels.

☐ The Belfast promoter B. J. Eastwood has offered Eamonn Loughran, Ballymena's Commonwealth welterweight champion, a purse of £67,000 for a bout with the World Boxing Association champion, Crisanto Espana, early in June.

"It is a great fight for Ireland," Eastwood said. "One Irishman against an adopted Irishman in Espana. I've made a good offer to a potential challenger because it's such a fine attraction over here."

## BBC1

**6.00 Business Breakfast** (17085)
**7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (32165443)
**9.05 Attack of the Killer Tomatoes** (r) (s) (7222443) **9.30 Why Don't You . . ?** (s) (55511)
**10.00 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8744337) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (7149191)
**10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick** (88840714)
**12.05 Pebble Mill.** Music and conversation (4463424)
**12.45 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick.** A round up of the morning's events (s) (14959288) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (37018714)
**1.00 One O'Clock News** with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (60004)
**1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (11227443) **1.50 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (18777530)
**2.20 Hawaii Five-O.** McGarrett investigates a group of supposedly law-abiding citizens who are planning a multi-million dollar robbery as a revenge (r) (1163646) **3.10 Turnabout.** Word quiz presented by Rob Curling (s) (8785608) **3.40 Lifeline.** An appeal on behalf of the St Mungo Community Trust (r) (s) (8160191)
**3.50 Pingu** (7377714) **3.55 WildBunch.** A look at the real life animals that have been the inspiration for cartoon characters (s) (2132462) **4.10 Galaxy Goof-Ups.** Cartoon (3021789) **4.35 The Movie Game.** Film and video quiz. (Ceefax) (s) (7336085)
**5.00 Newsround** (5223004) **5.10 Dodgem.** Episode three of the six-part children's drama (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6707795)
**5.35 Neighbours** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (714827). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
**6.00 Six O'Clock News** with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (801)
**6.30 Regional News Magazines** (153). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
**7.00 Eldorado.** (Ceefax) (s) (6612)
**7.30 Tomorrow's World in Paris.** A special edition includes reports on what coral can do for broken bones and how the Louvre is using the latest developments in physics to explore the mysteries of art. (Ceefax) (s) (337)



**Happy christening: Dunlop, Rodgers (8.00pm)**

**8.00 May to December.** Age-gap romantic comedy starring Anton Rodgers and Lesley Dunlop. (Ceefax) (s) (9820)
**8.30 Us Girls.** Last in the family comedy series, written by Lisselle Kayla. (Ceefax) (s) (5627)
**9.00 A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the Labour party (452917)
**9.05 News** with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (667627)
**9.35 QED: Tokyo Earthquake.** (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (438337)
**10.05 Sportsnight.** Football: highlights from Premier league matches; Boxing: the semi-final of the ABA championships; Gymnastics: the world championships from Birmingham; Snooker: a preview of the world championship including profiles of Steve Davis and Ronnie O'Sullivan; Marathon: a look forward to Sunday's race in London and of Liz McColgan's prospects (257739)
**11.55 Weather** (200004). Ends at **12.00**
**2.15-3.45 BBC Select: Accountancy Television.** Scrambled (712134) **3.15 Legal Network Television.** Scrambled (89825)
8.25-7.00 Central News (781563) **11.40** Tour of Duty (660172) **12.40am** Film: Friendly Enemies (138950) **2.30** Entertainment UK (13844) **3.30** BPM (25689) **4.30** Jobfinder (6091955) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6240263)

## BBC2

**8.00 Breakfast News** (8029511)
**8.15 Soviet 1929-1933** (b/w). May day festivities captured by Russian photographers (5269443)
**8.20 Living on the Land.** A profile of Rosemary Watson, a cattle dealer (r) (9546530)
**9.00 Film: Cardboard Cavalier** (1949, b/w) starring Sid Field and Margaret Lockwood. Historical farce, set in Cromwell's England. Directed by Walter Forde (53536559)
**10.35 Film: In Old California** (1942, b/w) starring John Wayne and Binnie Barnes. Western drama directed by William McGann (2629288)
**12.00 Parlez-Vous?** At what age should children start to learn a second language? (r) (46375)
**12.30 Sutton Hoo.** The second of three programmes about the ancient Suffolk burial site (4915849)
**1.20 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grama.** Children's music series (r) (s) (93614066)
**1.35 CountryFile** (r) (s) (18765795)
**2.00 News** (Ceefax) and weather (60226714) **2.05 Six Faces of Royalty.** Sir Roy Strong looks at portraits of British monarchs (r) (42433578) **2.20 Bottom Line: the Kostabi Phenomenon.** The story of Mark Kostabi, a conman whose paintings hang in many of the world's important galleries but are the work of 30 artists who sign their work in his name (6211117)
**3.00 News** (Ceefax) and weather (8725443) **3.05 Westminster Live** (8879820) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8164917)
**4.00 The World Gymnastic Championships** (7849)
**6.00 Star Trek** (r). (Ceefax) (191004)
**6.50 DEF II** begins with **Rough Guides To Careers.** The first of five programmes offering 50 career options from around the UK (s) (843240) **7.30 Dance Energy Lift Off.** Viewers' home-made pop videos (618743)



**Yugoslav journalist Rialda Sebek (7.40pm)**

**7.40 Open Space: Blood in the Air.** (Ceefax) See Choice (529207)
**8.10 Living Islam.** (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (257761)
**9.00 M*A*S*H.** More black comedy from the Korean war medics of the 4077th (937998)
**9.25 Goggle Eyes.** Last in the comedy drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (591191)
**10.05 I, Lovett.** Comedy series (s) (784725)
**10.30 A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the Labour party (548356)
**10.35 Newsnight** with Jeremy Paxman (422714)
**11.20 The Late Show.** Arts and media magazine (s) (568240) **12.00 Weather** (5539950)
**12.05am Film: Gun Crazy** (1949, b/w) starring Peggy Cummings and John Dall. The first of a short season about people on the run from the law. In this, two unstable characters with a passion for guns embark on a life of violent crime. Directed by Joseph H. Lewis (5824660). Ends at **1.35**

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## CHOICE



**Demystifying the Muslim religion (BBC2, 8.10pm)**

**Living Islam: Foundations**
*BBC2, 8.10pm*

A six-part series on the Muslim religion sets out to rescue it from the image of dangerous fanaticism which burns books, blows up aircraft, subjugates women and presents the biggest threat to Western civilisation since the collapse of the Soviet Union. There is, however, *no special pleading tonight.* As befits a production from the BBC's education department, the treatment is scrupulously detached and factual. Essentially we are given a history lesson, about the emergence of the prophet Muhammad, the importance of the Koran and the spread of Islam through the Middle East and Central Asia. Professor Akbar Ahmed, an anthropologist from Cambridge University, is our self-effacing guide.

**The Golden Palace**
*Channel 4, 10.00pm*

The former *Golden Girls*, minus the married Dorothy, start a new comedy series running a Miami hotel. Do not expect things to go smoothly. For one thing Rose, Blanche and Sophia are even less qualified to be hoteliers than Basil Fawlty. For another they have no staff and no money. Susan Harris, who created *The Golden Girls*, is the force behind the new show. The gag quotient remains high and Estelle Getty as the subversive 87-year-old Sophia remains a joy. The reservation is that if you take the gags away there is not a great deal left. As in many an American sitcom, snappy one-liners tend to be a substitute for character. And the show is never as funny as the shriekingly hysterical studio audience would have you believe.

**QED: Tokyo Earthquake**
*BBC1, 9.35pm*

Tokyo has a serious earthquake on average every 69 years. Since the last one took place in September 1923, another may be imminent. The argument of this film is that when (not if) the quake comes, advance warning systems will be useless and the city authorities powerless to prevent appalling devastation. In a dramatic simulation we see tower blocks splintering, houses consumed by flames and dead bodies piling up by the thousand. It is suggested that the entire Japanese economy could collapse, with repercussions for all of us. This nightmarish scenario is said to be based on current scientific research though a powerful and gripping film would have even greater credibility if the sources for the research were identified.

**Open Space: Blood in the Air**
*BBC2, 7.40pm*

The viewer access programme returns for a new series, offering a platform for Rialda Sebek to reflect on the civil war in her native Yugoslavia. She does so from the perspective of London, where she is currently based as a journalist, and as the daughter of a Muslim father and a Serbian mother. One of her main arguments is that the conflict has been simplified and distorted by Western media bent on identifying the Serbs as murderers, the Croats as fascists and Muslims as fanatics. But in attempting to supply the shades of grey, Sebek muddies rather than clarifies. Her anguish for her homeland is all too sincere. But she is unable to explain the descent into barbarism and, like everyone else, stumped for solutions. **Peter Waymark**

## ITV LONDON

**6.00 GMTV** (7885917)
**9.25 Lucky Ladders.** Game show (s) (7228627) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7125511)
**10.00 Police Academy.** Cartoon series (r) (7142288) **10.25 Tweetie Pie** (r) (4039882)
**10.30 Film: One of Our Dinosaurs is Missing** (1975) starring Peter Ustinov and Helen Hayes. Comedy adventure about an English aristocrat who steals a secret from a Chinese warlord. Directed by Robert Stevenson (88859462)
**12.10 Allsorts.** For infants (s) (8493511)
**12.30 ITN Lunchtime News** with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Teletext) Weather (4471117) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (93639375)
**1.15 Home and Away.** Australian family drama. (Teletext) (102462) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama (s) (101733)
**2.15 The Chrystal Rose Show.** Last in the topical discussion series (193714) **2.45 Take the High Road.** Highlands-based drama serial (4873578)
**3.10 ITN News** headlines (8743849) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8735820) **3.20 Blockbusters** (s) (1665356)
**3.50 Daffy Duck** (7362882) **3.55 Scooby Doo** (r) (2127530) **4.10 Three Seven Eleven.** Episode nine of the ten-part drama set in a primary school (7367337)



**Martino Lazzeri and Nancy Lodder (4.40pm)**

**4.40 The Lodge.** The second of a ten-part drama serial about children in care (s) (6956004)
**5.10 Home and Away** (r). (Teletext) (3345266)
**5.40 Early Evening News** with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (324153)
**6.00 London Tonight** presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster (68714)
**7.00 This Is Your Life.** Michael Aspel springs a surprise on another unsuspecting worthy (s) (5240)
**7.30 Coronation Street.** (Teletext) (733)
**8.00 Film: A Cut Above** (1989) starring Matthew Modine and Daphne Zuniga. Comedy drama about a first year medical student who prefers the social life to studying. Directed by Thom Eberhardt. (Teletext) (s) (3733)
**10.00 A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the Labour party (579443)
**10.05 News** with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (134086) **10.35 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (273530)
**10.45 Rugby World Cup Sevens.** Jim Rosenthal, Will Carling and Gavin Hastings look forward to the tournament that begins in Edinburgh on Friday (538714)
**11.40 Film: Sexpionage** 1985) starring Linda Hamilton, Sally Kellerman and Geena Davis. Spy caper about a branch of the Russian secret service that trains women agents to use their bodies to glean information. Problems arise when one of them falls for her American prey. Directed by Don Taylor (s) (366240)
**1.30am Entertainment UK.** Leisure time guide (22026)
**2.30 The Chrystal Rose Show** As 2.15pm (74196)
**3.00 The Little Picture Show.** Film and video reviews (r) (45979)
**4.00 60 Minutes.** American news magazine (r) (47825)
**5.00 Riviera.** Glossy French drama serial (33202)
**5.30 ITN Morning News** with Phil Roman (48573). Ends at **6.00**

## CHANNEL 4

**5.50 Sesame Street** (r) (7422545) **6.45 Dennis.** Cartoon adventures of a naughty boy (r) (3686337)
**7.00 The Big Breakfast** presented by Paul Ross and Gaby Roslin (50627)
**9.00 Wish Kid.** Cartoon adventures (51207) **9.30 The Batman** (b/w). Gotham City's finest in another 1940s battle with the forces of evil (r) (2664627) **9.45 The Flying Fabian.** Cartoon (8810004)
**9.55 Gamesmaster** (r) (7140191) **10.30 New Kids On The Block — on Tour.** A musical mix of live action and animation (r) (1939820)
**10.55 The Miraculous Mellops.** Australian fantasy series (r) (1914511) **11.25 The Bunbury Tales.** Cartoon series about a group of brave rabbits (r) (5426337) **11.30 The Henderson Kids** (r) (7066)
**12.00 I Love Lucy** (b/w). Classic American domestic comedy series starring Lucille Ball (31443) **12.30 Sesame Street.** Early learning series (r) (70511) **1.30 Little Rosey.** Cartoon adventures of a baby Rossanna Arnold (r) (s) (18784820)
**1.55 The Pulse.** An investigation into the causes of back pain (r). (Teletext) (18769511)
**2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket.** Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.35, 3.05, 3.35 and 4.10 races (71789153)
**4.30 Fifteen To One.** Fast-moving knock-out general knowledge quiz. (Teletext) (s) (646)
**5.00 Air Globes.** An award-winning short from Colombia about two young boys who send their Christmas wishes to the "God Boy" by tieing them to a balloon (9823820)
**5.15 Film: Packin' It In** (1983) starring Richard Chamberlain and Paula Prentiss. Routine, made-for-television comedy about an urban family who pack themselves and their children off to the wide open spaces of Oregon in search of the cleaner, simpler life. Directed by Jud Taylor (43903207)
**7.00 Channel 4 News** with Zeinab Badawi and Shanaz Pakravan. (Teletext) Weather (733424)
**7.50 Party Political Comment** by a Conservative party politician (388172)
**8.00 Brookside.** (Teletext) (s) (2530)
**8.30 Eat Your Greens.** The second of Sophie Grigson's series that complements her *Grow Your Greens* programme shown on Fridays. (Teletext) (s) (8337)
**9.00 Dispatches.** A report on the small businessmen who live in fear of the Inland Revenue and the increasingly unscrupulous methods it uses to extract money from them (139240)
**9.45 He Play/She Play: Small Change.** John Lynch and Ken Campbell play an inept petty thief and the shopkeeper he tries to rob (s) (176085)
**10.00 The Golden Palace.** (Teletext) (s) See Choice (32172)



**Variety show: Tom Jones, centre (10.30pm)**

**10.30 Viva Cabaret!** A new entertainment series. The guests are Tom Jones, Sandra Bernhard, Johnny Fox, Greg Proops and the Doug Anthony Allstars (890066)
**11.20 E.N.G.** Canadian drama series about a television newsgathering team (335849)
**12.20am Moviewatch.** Cinemagoers in Plymouth review the latest releases (r) (s) (2391115)
**12.50 Film: Kaash** (1987). Hindi drama starring Jackie Shroff as a film actor whose career is on the skids and he takes to drink. Directed by Mahesh Bhatt (77118221). Ends at **3.20**

## VARIATIONS

### ANGLIA
**As London except: 2.15pm-2.45** Gardening Time (193714) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1665356) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (3345266) **6.00** Home and Away (146578) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (781563) **11.40** Magnum (937356) **12.35am** Film: The Black Torment (401318) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9263979) **2.40** 60 Minutes (9668080) **3.35** The New Music (8115196) **4.30** Riviera (55912) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (33202)

### BORDER
**As London except: 2.15pm** Gardening Time (193714) **2.45-3.10** Sprockets (4873578) **3.20-3.50** GP (1665356) **6.00** Lookaround (269) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (849) **11.40** Ice Hockey (937356) **12.35am** Film: The Black Torment (401318) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9263979) **2.40** 60 Minutes (9668080) **3.35** The New Music (8115196) **4.30** Riviera (55912) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (33202)

### CENTRAL
**As London except: 1.15pm** A Country Practice (102462) **1.45** Home and Away (101733) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (193714) **32.0-3.50** Shortland Street (1665356) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (3345266) **6.00** Home and Away (146578)

### GRANADA
**As London except: 1.15pm** A Country Practice (102462) **1.45** Home and Away (18781733) **2.10-2.45** Yan Can Cook (2716707) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (1665356) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (3345266) **6.00** Home and Away (269) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (849) **6.00-10.00** Film: Jumpin' Jack Flash (3733) **11.40** Ice Hockey (937356) **12.35am** Film: The Black Torment (401318) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9263979) **2.40** 60 Minutes (9668080) **3.35** The New Music (8115196)

### HTV WEST
**As London except: 1.45pm** Blockbusters (101733) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (193714) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1665356) **6.00** HTV News (269) **6.30-7.00** Midweek (849) **11.40** Night Heat (937356) **12.35am** Film: The Black Torment (401318) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9263979) **2.40** 60 Minutes (9668080) **3.35** The New Music (8115196) **4.30-5.00** Riviera (55912)

### HTV WALES
**As HTV West except: 6.00pm** Wales at Six **6.30-7.00, See How They Run** 11.40-12.35am **Prisoner Cell Block H**

### MERIDIAN
**As London except: 2.15pm-2.45** Loud and Clear (193714) **3.20-3.50** Young Doctors (1665356) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (269) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (849) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (33202)

### TYNE TEES
**As London except: 2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (193714) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1665356) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (269) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (849) **11.40** The Equalizer (937356) **12.35am** American Gladiators (6913776) **1.25** Hollywood Report (2813370) **1.55** Videofashion (9777757) **2.25** Transworld Sport (5312641) **3.25** Music Box (9629221) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder

### ULSTER
**As London except: 6.00pm-7.00** UTV Live at Six (69714) **11.40** Kojak (937356) **12.35am** Film: The Black Torment (401318) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9263979) **2.40** 60 Minutes (9668080) **3.35** The New Music (8115196) **4.30** Riviera (5912) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (33202)

### WESTCOUNTRY
**As London except: 1.45pm** The Young Doctors (101733) **2.15-2.45** Westcountry Lifestyle (193714) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (1665356) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (69714) **11.40** From Rio to Liverpool (937356) **12.35am** Film: The Black Torment (401318) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9263979) **2.40** 60 Minutes (9668080) **3.35** The New Music (8115196) **4.30** Riviera (55912) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (33202)

### YORKSHIRE
**As London except: 2.15pm-2.45** Yan Can Cook (193714) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1665356) **5.55** Calendar (716397) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (849) **11.40** The Equalizer (937356) **12.35am** American Gladiators (6913776) **1.25** Hollywood Report (2813370) **1.55** Videofashion (9777757)

### S4C
**Starts: 9.30** The Batman (2664627) **9.45** The Flying Fabian (8810004) **9.55** Gamesmaster (7140191) **10.30** New Kids on the Block — On Tour (1939820) **10.55** Miraculous Mellops (1914511) **11.25** The Bunbury Tales (5426337) **11.30** The Henderson Kids (7066) **12.00** I Love Lucy (31443) **12.30** Sixt Meithrin (59337) **1.00** Lift Off (53714) **1.30** A Different World (58608) **2.00** The Pulse (28950207) **2.25** Channel 4 Racing (652733) **4.25** Slot 23 (3793443) **5.00** Fifteen to One (9646) **5.30** Brookside (996) **6.00** News (597288) **6.10** Hero (182356) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (3882) **7.30** Anfeiliaid Anuhrol (375) **8.00** Y Bil.A'r Belws (2530) **8.30** News (245153) **8.55** The Crystal Maze (750627) **9.55** Film: Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure (857004) **11.35** Trial and Error (889443) **12.35** Free for All (9642573) **1.00-1.25** St Mungo's People

## SATELLITE

### SKY ONE
**6.00** The DJ Kat Show (24447845) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5046795) **9.10** Cartoons (5161998) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (29171) **10.00** Strike it Rich (4958191) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (8922630) **10.30** Concentration (73443) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (13085) **11.30** Falcon Crest (93848) **12.30pm** E Street (15917) **1.00** Another World (8232795) **1.45** Santa Barbara (732627) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (427578) **3.15** Different Strokes (746820) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (4812998) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1443) **6.00** Games World (8085) **6.30** E Street (9337) **7.00** Rescue (2172) **7.30** Family Ties (8849) **8.00** Hunter (39511) **9.00** LA Law (98375) **10.00** In Living Color (85424) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (19292) **11.30** Studs (69801) **12.00** Pages from Skyted

### SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
**6.00am** Sunrise (85998) **6.30** News and Business Report (401998) **9.30** ABC Nightline (99733) **10.30** Fashion TV (48511) **11.30** Business Report (84181) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (59627) **1.30** Good Morning America (50356) **2.30** Parliament Live (86269) **4.30** News and Business Report (8462) **5.00** Live at Five (65795) **6.30** News and Business Report (32171) **7.30** Fashion TV (9191) **10.30** Nightline (19284) **11.30** ABC News (66085) **12.30am** Fashion TV (91398) **1.30** ABC News (53912) **2.30** Those Were The Days (83202) **3.30** ABC News (95047) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (88432) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (88757)

### SKY MOVIES PLUS
**6.00am Showcase** (6831578)
**10.00 Battling for Baby** (1991): Grandmothers fight over a child (19733)
**12.00 Popi** (1969): Alan Arkin tries to make a better life for his children (85849)
**2.00 The Secret of Santa Vittoria** (1969): Italian villagers hide their wine from the Nazis. Starring Anthony Quinn (28249608)
**4.25 Lonely in America** (1990): Comedy about an Indian in New York (10974135)
**6.00 Battling for Baby** (as 10am) (63578)
**8.00 Descending Angel** (1991): George C. Scott is accused of being a Nazi (35795)
**10.00 Repossessed** (1990): Spoof of *The Exorcist* (9776578)
**11.25 Two Moon Junction** (1990): Southern belle Sherilyn Fenn is attracted to a carnival worker (789288)
**1.10am Breaking In** (1989): Burt Reynolds teaches a protege to crack safes (301216)
**2.45 Two Idiots in Hollywood** (1988): Two men decide to transform their lives (589931)
**4.15 'Til Death Us Do Part** (1991): A pair of lovers murder the husband to collect the insurance (827080). Ends at **5.55**

### SKY MOVIES GOLD
**6.00pm Born Free** (1966): Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers raise a lioness (14240)
**8.00 Niagara** (1952): Hitchcockian thriller starring Marilyn Monroe (28085)
**10.00 Deliverance** (1972): Four businessmen become the prey of hillbillies. Starring Jon Voight (118245). Ends at **11.45**

### THE MOVIE CHANNEL
**6.15am Peter and Pompey:** Australian family film (95826578)
**8.00 Return to Treasure Island:** Animated sequel to R.L. Stevenson's classic (53240)
**10.00 I Could Go on Singing** (1963): Judy Garland travels to England (17375)
**12.00 The Dragon That Almost Wasn't** (1983): Animated film about a dragon that thinks he is a bear (76191)
**2.00pm Da** (1988): Martin Sheen returns to Ireland for his father's funeral (41356)
**4.00 Return to Treasure Island** (as 8am) (4917)
**6.00 Courage of Lassie** (1946): Elizabeth Taylor trains the famous collie (54820)
**8.00 City Slickers** (1991): Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern and Bruno Kirby embark on a cattle drive with Jack Palance (33337)
**10.00 Field of Fire** (1991): David Carradine leads marines into the Vietnamese jungle to rescue a POW (762240)
**11.35 The Lightning Incident** (1991): A woman has terrifying nightmares (895337)
**1.10am Silhouette** (1991): Faye Dunaway witnesses a brutal murder and finds that she is the next target (1012298)
**2.45 Beautiful Dreamers** (1990): Story of the friendship between a mental asylum director and a poet (939738)
**4.35 Rain** (1990): A student is accused of murdering the son of a ruthless crime lord (8524486). Ends at **6.00**

### SKY SPORTS
**6.30am** Stretch (29207) **7.00** British League Basketball (30801) **9.00** Stretch (34153) **9.30** The Footballers' Football Show (17153) **10.30** Red Line (27789) **11.30** Stretch (47066) **12.00** Watersports World (84648) **1.00pm** British Championship Darts. England v Wales (91424) **3.00** The Footballers' Football Show (41882) **4.00** German League Football (3207) **6.00** Soccer News (823375) **6.05** Motor World (9135) **6.30** NHRA Drag Racing Today (1337) **7.00** US Open Golf (88601) **8.00** South African Masters Golf (753375) **10.00** Soccer News (7683575) **10.05** Ringside (401153) **12.00-2.00am** South African Masters Golf (64270)

### EUROSPORT
**7.30am** Step Aerobics (48820) **8.00** Basketball (884411) **11.00** Europoats (24240) **12.00** Eurotarms (35288) **1.30pm** Eurofun (99578) **2.00** Live Cycling (78424) **4.00** Field Hockey (8375) **6.00** Eurofun (5153) **6.30** News (9733) **7.00** Basketball (56849) **9.00** European Grand Prix Analyse (79153) **10.00** Football 1994 World Cup Qualifiers: Italy v Estonia (72240) **11.00** Kick Boxing (45733) **12.00-12.30am** News (30592)

### UK GOLD
**6.00am** Rainbow (12605356) **6.15** Button Moon (12693511) **6.30** Jem (6142462) **7.00** Flash Gordon (3894462) **7.30** Neighbours (3880269) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1229998) **8.30** EastEnders (1228269) **9.00** The Bill (1242849) **9.30** One by One (5092172) **10.30** Big Deal (5786714) **11.30** No Place Like Home (1713698) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1222085) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9651820) **1.00** EastEnders (3893733) **1.30** The Bill (8650191) **2.00** Father, Dear Father (7385288) **2.30** Rings on Their Fingers (8041838) **3.00** Dallas (1717714) **4.00** Dynasty (1736849) **5.00** Candid Camera (7368240) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (9746086) **6.00** Neighbours (8691337) **6.30** One by One (3644801) **7.30** Father, Dear Father (2091153) **8.00** EastEnders (7365424) **8.30** Rings on Their Fingers (7384559) **9.00** Big Deal (9617578) **10.00** The Bill (1223714) **10.30** Filthy, Rich and Catflap (5620563) **11.15** The Kenny Everett Television Show (2537849) **11.45** Dr Who: The Curse of Peladon (2529220) **12.15-1.45am** Film: Maisie Goes to Reno (1944, b/w) starring Ann Sothern (8749931)

### THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
**6.00am** Stories Without Words (52608) **6.30** Cartoons (5784356) **7.15** Widget (478462) **8.45** Jack in the Box (220172) **10.45** Stories Without Words (194578) **11.15** Cartoons (1807801) **12.00** The Boy Merlin (94559) **12.30pm** Mask (34563) **1.00** Jack in the Box (72996) **3.00** Widget (43172) **4.30** CDQ (2646) **5.00-7.00** Phoenix Hall (75424)

## RADIO 3

**6.55am** Weather **7.00 On Air,** with Piers Burton-Page. Including Sibelius (Overture in F minor: London Gabrieli Brass Ensemble under Christopher Larkin); Barber (Capricorn Concerto: Eastman-Rochester Orchestra under Howard Hanson); Haydn (Symphony No 52 in C minor: Esterhazy Orchestra under David Blum); Rossini, arr Respighi (La boutique fantasque — excerpts: Toronto SO under Andrew Davis)
**9.00 Composer of the Week:** Palestrina (Missa Viri Galilaei: La Chappelle Royale; Ensemble Organum under Philippe Herreweghe)
**9.45 Midweek Choice,** with Susan Sharpe. Glinka (Polonaise, A Life for the Tsar: USSR SO under Yevgeny Svetlanov); Rachmaninov (Fantaisie-Tableaux, Op 5, Suite No 1: Ingrid Thorson and Julian Thurber, pianos); Stravinsky (Ode: Cleveland Orchestra under the composer); Tchaikovsky (None but the lonely heart, Op 6 No 6: Paata Burchuladze, bass, Ludmilla Ivanova, piano); Mendelssohn (Songs without Words, Op 67 Nos 4-6: Daniel Barenboim, piano); Reif (Separation; Reunited in Death, Symphony No 5 in E: London Philharmonic under Bernard Herrmann); Loewe (Hochzeitlied, Op 20 No 1: Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, baritone, Jörg Demus, piano); Mozart (Divertimento, KV439b No 1: Karl Leister and Walter Seyfarth, clarinets, Manfred Preis, basset horn); Litolff (Piano Trio in D minor, Andante and Scherzo: Miracourt Trio); Tchaikovsky (Fantasy-overture, Romeo and Juliet: Cleveland Orchestra under Lorin Maazel)
**12.00 Great Masters Restored** (r)
**1.00pm News**
**1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert:** Boris Berezovsky, piano, plays Medtner (Sonata Tragica in C minor, Op 39 No 4). Richard Strauss (Five Pieces, Op 3): Ravel (La Valse)
**2.00 Record Review** (r)
**3.30 From Death to Life:** Ireland (The Forgotten Rite: Hallé Orchestra under John Barbirolli); Ireland (Mai-Dun: London Philharmonic under Bryden Thomson)
**4.00 Choral Evensong,** recorded in Washington National Cathedral in the United States
**5.00 In Tune:** Andrew Green's guest is the soprano Elly Ameling
**7.30 Der Schatzgräber** (The Treasure Seeker): Netherlands Radio Chorus and Philharmonic Orchestra under Edo de Waart performs the Prologue; Acts 1 and 2 of Franz Schreker's opera, set in medieval Germany. Sung in German. With George Gray as Els and Sophie Larson as Els. **8.45** Peter Franklin reviews Christopher Hailey's biography of Franz Schreker. **9.05** Acts 3 and 4; Epilogue
**10.30 Giuliani:** David Starobin, guitar, performs Six Variations on an original theme, Op 20
**10.45 Night Waves:** The arts programme examines the role of the hero in cinema
**11.30 Haydn's Late Chamber Works:** Piano Trio in E flat minor, H XV 31 (Andras Schiff, piano, Yuuko Shiokawa, violin, Steven Isserlis, cello); Piano Sonata in C minor, H XVI 20 (Andras Schiff, piano); String Quartet in C, Op 76 No 3, Emperor (Takacs Quartet)
**12.30-12.35am News**

## RADIO 4

**5.55am** Shipping **6.00** News, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with Christina Rees **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day with the Rev Richard Bewes **8.43** The Jumbles and Other Nonsense: Sir John Gielgud reads some of the best-loved Nonsense Poems of Edward Lear (r) **8.58** Weather **9.00 News**
**9.05 Midweek** with Libby Purves. Matthew Parris talks to Baroness Chalker
**10.00-10.30 Discursive Excursions (FM only):** Travelling in the Sahara and Arabian deserts
**10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)**
**10.15 Something Understood (LW only):** An Anthology of Spiritual Verse. Jack Shepherd reads an extract from *Paradise Illustrated* by D.J. Enright
**10.30 Women's Hour:** Martina Gelthorn, war correspondent, polemicist and journalist explains why she is still an optimist. Incl **11.00 News**
**11.30 Gardeners' Question Time:** Members of the Bidford-on-Avon and District Gardening Society in Warwickshire put their questions to the experts. Chairman Clay Jones (r)
**12.00 News; You and Yours,** with John Howard
**12.25pm The Age of Innocence:** See Choice **12.55** Weather
**1.00 The World at One,** with James Naughtie
**1.40 The Archers** (r) **1.55** Shipping
**2.00 News: My Darling Emmenthal:** A recipe for romance by James Laurence. With Jane Whittenshaw as Shena, Bill Nighy as Tom and Anna Abrahams as Eugena (r)
**2.47 Treasure Islands** discusses school reading lists (r)
**3.00 News; The Reckoning:** Former missionary Dr Colin Morris returns to Zambia (r)
**3.42 The World of Anthony Trollope:** Food. Richard Mullen considers aspects of 19th-century life
**4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope** reviews the film *Accidental Hero,* starring Geena Davis and Dustin Hoffman; and reports on the American writer Edith Wharton
**4.45 Short Story:** The Gunet, by Suzy Gilmour. Read by Brid Brennan
**5.00 PM 5.45 Party Political Broadcast** by the Labour party **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
**6.00 Six O'Clock News**
**6.30 Counterpoint:** Ned Sherrin chairs the music quiz (r)
**7.00 News 7.05 The Archers**
**7.20 Costing the Earth:** Does the whale need to be saved? (r)
**7.45 All in the Mind** (r)
**8.15 Greek as a Treat:** Peter France investigates the decline of a classical education (r)
**8.45 In Business:** Arrivederci Roma. Peter Day investigates the fragile Italian economy
**9.15 Kaleidoscope** (r)
**9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59** Weather
**10.00 The World Tonight,** with Robin Lustig
**10.45 A Book at Bedtime:** On the Third Day, by Piers Paul Read. The eight of ten parts
**11.00 Murder Most Foul:** The Use of Maggots. The last of six murder cases featuring the pathologist Dr Keith Simpson. Nick Ross narrates (r)
**11.30 Today in Parliament**
**12.00-12.43am News,** incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

## CHOICE

**The Age of Innocence.** *Radio 4, 12.25pm.*
Few American women novelists writing about New York high society in the 1870s did it as penetratingly as Edith Wharton. It was a society she knew well. She had been part of it. *The Age of Innocence* is among the best of her precisely observed studies of tribal behaviour: young lawyer (Andrew Wincott) engaged to eminently respectable girl (Cathryn Harrison) but drawn to her worldly-wise, nonconforming cousin (Suzanne Bertish). Episode one of Christopher Reason's excellent adaptation lights the slow-burning fuse for the controlled explosion to come.

**My Dad Was in Colditz.** *Radio 5, 12.30pm.*
The comedian Arthur Smith may not be (in fact is definitely not) the world's greatest sound recording engineer, but he does make a cheerful companion for his father when he goes back to the two German prisoner-of-war castles in which he was incarcerated 50 years ago. Smith Sr was a humble orderly. This puts him at the opposite end of the scale from the stiff upper lip officers we normally associate with Colditz. **Peter Davalle**

## RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Steve Edwards (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Mark Goodier **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Gary Davies in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session: Senseless Things and Back to the Planet **8.30** The Steve Edwards Soul Show **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes Into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

## RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner with The Early Show **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30

# FA bans Jones for four games

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

VINNIE Jones was yesterday suspended for four matches and fined £1,000 by the Football Association for reaching 41 disciplinary points this season. But the Wimbledon midfield player, who arrived 90 minutes late for the original hearing on March 29, has already served three of the four games.

Jones missed the 6-2 defeat away to Oldham Athletic last week and the two Easter games against Crystal Palace and Chelsea. He will now sit out the fixture with Nottingham Forest at Selhurst Park on Saturday.

Jones arrived 17 minutes early for his hearing at Lancaster Gate yesterday, accompanied by his father, Peter, Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, and David Barnard, the club's chief executive.

After the hour-long meeting, he said: "I've been treated very fairly. They have said to me that they don't want to see me here again, so obviously I'm going to take steps to improve things for next season.

"You always fear the worst on occasions like this. It's always in the back of your mind that they could hit you hard. But the main thing is that they listened to what we had to say. They've given me another chance and it's one I'm going to take."

Kinnear said: "The FA looked at it with commonsense. They were very fair. They noted that Vinnie gets booked more than most players. Because of the media hype, everybody builds Vinnie up to be nastier than most."

In November, Jones was fined £20,000 for his part in the controversial "Soccer's Hard Men" video and received a six-month ban suspended for three years. The punishment was upheld by the FA after Jones appealed.

Martin Allen, the West Ham United midfield player, also received a four-match ban and a £1,000 fine yesterday after becoming the first full-time professional to reach 41 points earlier this season.

Bobby Gould, the Coventry City manager, was ideally placed to pass judgment on the Premier League title race over the weekend, Coventry holding Aston Villa to a 0-0 draw but losing 1-0 to Manchester United. He felt Alex Ferguson, the United manager, seemed less tense than Ron Atkinson, his Villa counterpart.

"Alex seemed more relaxed than Ron," Gould said. "But it's still all to play for and it will be very, very close." United are a point clear of Villa, with four matches left, and have a superior goal difference.

But Tony Daley, who scored the goal in Villa's 1-0 win over Arsenal at Highbury on Monday, defended his manager. "He's been brilliant and has kept the pressure off the players completely," he said.

"Everyone is talking about United this and United that. But we don't feel the pressure because Ron is always bubbly and lively and keeps everything bright. You can't see any tension in him at all."

However, even Atkinson cannot escape one worry over the championship run-in — Villa have scored only 11 times in their last 13 league games. Dean Saunders, their leading marksman, has gone 11 games without a goal.

"All teams go through bad spells and we're unfortunate that we're going through one now," Daley said. "But even though we're not playing too well, we're creating goal-scoring opportunities. The ball's just not hitting the back of the net like it did earlier in the season."

It has increased Villa's reliance on the defensive triangle of Paul McGrath, the Premier League players' player of the year, Shaun Teale, his partner, and Mark Bosnich, their Australian goalkeeper. Villa have conceded only five goals in their last 13 matches.

The combination will be broken at home to Manchester City on Sunday when Teale serves a one-match suspension.



Jones: early arrival

# McColgan eyes marathon world record

TONY WHITE




Golden girl: Although she did not win a medal in the 10,000 metres at the Olympic Games in 1992, Liz McColgan had an outstanding 12 months on the road and yesterday she was awarded a golden shoe as women's world road runner of the year by the Association of International Marathons and Road Races (David Powell writes). Her successes included a world best 67min 11sec for the half-marathon and victory in the world half-marathon championship. She also won her second marathon and on Sunday will run her third in the NutraSweet London Marathon. She said yesterday she would not be surprised if she went under 2hr 20min. The world best of 2hr 21min 06sec is held by Ingrid Kristiansen, of Norway. McColgan, the 10,000 metres world champion, said: "I would say I am in the healthiest shape I've ever been."

# Rangers aim to end title chase

BY RODDY FORSYTH

RANGERS can bring their sixth championship in seven years within touching distance if they beat Heart of Midlothian at Tynecastle tonight. It would leave them three points away from putting the title beyond Aberdeen's reach and they could retain the crown on Saturday if they beat Partick Thistle at Ibrox and Aberdeen drop a point at home to Hearts.

With a Scottish Cup final place against Aberdeen guaranteed, and an appearance in the European Cup final against AC Milan still in the balance, Rangers would like to get the championship out of the way. But they cannot expect Hearts to submit easily as they chase a league placing high enough to guarantee participation in the Uefa Cup next season.

Joe Jordan, the Hearts manager, will have to do without his gifted young defender, McLaren, who is injured. His absence could significantly hinder Hearts' attempts to shackle the prolific McCoist. For Rangers, Goram is still injured and Maxwell will again deputise.

Rangers yesterday revealed that the club's home attendances will exceed the million mark on Saturday. The total for the season is 967,542, for 23 league and European Cup fixtures, plus a friendly against Marseilles last July.

Yet Rangers did not play a home tie in the Skol Cup, which they won, or in the Scottish Cup. The average attendance is just over 40,000, which makes it the best supported club in Britain, and it is intended to add a further 1,500 seats to bring the stadium capacity to 47,000.

David Murray, the club chairman, said: "We have to make some adjustments to comply with the provisions of the Taylor Report on crowd safety and the pitch will also have to be dug up and relaid because of the drainage problems that have been obvious in some recent games.

"That will cost a total of £2.7 million, which we will have to find without doing anything to the detriment of the team. Although there has been talk of us raising our prices for the first time in two years, we want to continue to give our supporters value for money."

Rangers' rising fortunes are in sharp contrast to those of Celtic, who revealed at their annual meeting on Sunday that the club may have to borrow Hampden Park from Queen's Park for some fixtures next season.

If planning permission for Celtic's proposed move to Cambuslang is refused, reconstruction work will have to begin at Parkhead.

# Brighton must defend winding-up petition

BRIGHTON, the second-division Barclays League club, which has debts of more than £3 million, is on the verge of calling in administrators.

Brighton, who need to beat Hull tonight to retain hopes of qualifying for the play-offs, face a winding-up petition lodged by the Inland Revenue next week.

The club is believed to owe about £600,000 in taxes. Brighton say their future can only be secured if they leave the Goldstone Ground but planning permission for a shopping warehouse to increase the site's value to over £4 million has been rejected by Hove town council. The redevelopment plans will be heard at a full public enquiry on August 17.

# Pakistan return their attention to Test series



Wasim: relieved

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK, IN PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD

THE Pakistan cricketers flew here from Grenada yesterday morning in good time to get down to practise for tomorrow's first Test match. By availing himself of his "constitutional right" and withdrawing the drug charges that had been hanging over the Pakistanis since Maundy Thursday, Keith Friday, Grenada's director of public prosecutions, not only lifted a great weight from Wasim Akram and his team — the chances are that he saved a Test series as well.

The whole touring party had worked themselves into such a state over the affair, partly because of what they saw as a lack of understanding locally, that if the case had gone to court in Grenada yesterday, which is when it was due, they would have been disinclined to take the tour any further. They had no intention of hurrying to Trinidad afterwards to prepare for the Test match.

With the best will in the world, it is hard not to see the Pakistanis as being accident-prone. They are as gifted as cricketers as they are volatile as individuals and, since winning last year's World Cup, they have taken more for granted than has been for their own good.

The governor general of Grenada would have been excused for thinking that a team not of touring cricketers but of visiting layabouts was being presented to him before the start of play last Saturday morning.

However, the Pakistanis have had a warning now and should be the wiser for it. They won easily against the West Indies Under-23 XI on Monday, but that owed less to the quality of their own cricket than to the inability of West Indian batsmen of all ages to cope with a turning ball, basically because they spend so much of their time ducking bouncers.

What effect the events of the last few days will have on Pakistan's cricket in the next three weeks, it is difficult to say. They will have to rid themselves of the siege mentality that developed in Grenada and, even then, something very much better will be needed from the captain and the vice-captain, Wasim and Waqar Younis, than they have shown so far if West Indies are to be bowled out twice.

Waqar, particularly, has been bowling as though he thinks he will be able to turn the tap on when he wants to and there is never any certainty of that. In his only two first-class matches, he has taken four for 160 in 41.2 overs. For the first time since he became famous, he has something to prove and it has as much to do with his character as his cricket.

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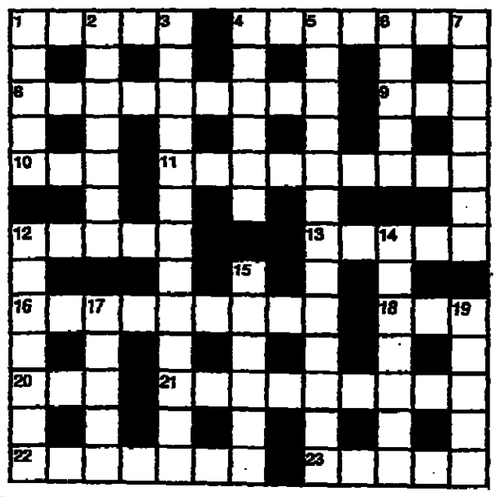
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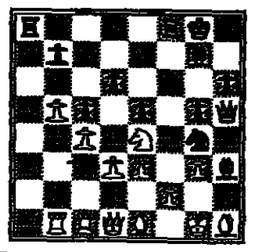


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## WINNING MOVE

*By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent*

This position is from the game Ohlzon — Carlsson, Hallsberg 1992. Black has a promising kingside attack, but his h3-bishop is, to a certain extent, getting in the way. How did he jettison it and win quickly?



*Solution on page 36*

## WORD-WATCHING

*By PHILIP HOWARD*

THERIOMORPHISM
a. Collecting stuffed animals
b. Making a god of a beast
c. Insanity induced by drugs

KANJAR
a. A billy can or tea-tin
b. The Australian nightingale
c. Indian gypsies

BELAH
a. An Australian tree
b. An Assyrian god
c. The Phoenician digraph BL

POTCH
a. To slap or smack
b. Highland home-brewed whisky
c. To pick a pocket

*Answers on page 36*




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